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<b>NEW MEXICO - Socorro Field Office</b>															
SO1	Residential	Claunch	High	Low	High		High	E80c				●		2	Residential views of project in flat terrain; possible skyline condition
SO2 (a & b)	Recreation	Gran Quivira unit of Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument	High	High	High	Scenic, Historic	High	E80c, E81		●		●	Sim 1a, Sim 1b	2 (Link E81), 6 (Link E80c)	National historic site with superior views of project from the national monument
SO3 – Eliminated*	Travel Route	U.S. Route 380	Low	Moderate	Moderate		Moderate	D800a	●					crossing	Travel route views of project crossing route on VRM Class III and IV land
SO4	Residential	Route 7 Residence	High	Low	High		High	E80d, E90, E101				●	Sim 2	0.5	Residence with views of project crossing VRM Class IV
SO5	Residential	Route 3617 Residence	High	Low	High		High	E90				●		1.75	Residential views of project on VRM Class IV
SO6	Residential	Route 3508 Residence	High	Low	High		High	A60				●		1	Residential views of project on VRM Class IV
SO7	Residential	Bingham	High	Low	High		High	A41, A70, A80	●					1.5	Travel route and residential views of project crossing VRM Class III
SO8	Residential	Route 18 Residence	High	Low	High		High	A90				●		0.5	Residential views of project on VRM Class III
SO9	Travel Route	Quebradas Back Country Byway (South)	High	Low	High	Scenic	High	A90	●				Sim 3	1.2	BLM input; scenic route with views of project crossing VRM Class III
SO10	Recreation	Trinity Historic Marker	Moderate	Low	High	Historic	High	A80, A111, A90	●					1	Travel route views of project crossing VRM Class III from historic marker
SO11	Travel Route	WSMR S Route 3607 (Stallion WSA)	High	Low	High		High	E101	●				Sim 4	0.9	Recreation views of project crossing VRM Class II from travel route which provides access to Stallion WSA
SO12 – Eliminated*	Residential – Field verified not occupied	Route 5 Residence	High	Low	High		High	E133				●		0.6	Residential views of project on VRM Class III
SO13	Travel Route	WSMR S Route 5 (Veranito WSA)	High	Low	High		High	E133	●					0.3	BLM input; project crossing recreation access road on BLM VRM Class II. This travel route provides access to Veranito WSA
SO14	Recreation	Gordy's (Johnson) Hill Recreation Area	High	Moderate	High		High	E133	●				Sim 5	0.4	BLM input; project parallels recreation access road and crosses VRM Class IV
SO15	Travel Route	Quebradas Back Country Byway (North)	High	Low	High	Scenic	High	E180	●				Sim 6	1.1	Scenic route with potential views of project crossing VRM Class IV
SO16	Recreation	Rio Grande	High	Low	High		High	E180				●	Sim 7	0.3	Recreation views of project crossing Rio Grande from boat launch area
SO17	Travel Route	SR 408 (El Camino Real)	Moderate	Moderate	High	National Scenic Byway	High	E180		●	●		Sim 8	crossing	National scenic byway crossed by project

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SO18	Residential	Socorro	High	Low	High		High	E180				●		0.8	Residential views of river crossing
SO19	Recreation	The Box SRMA	High	Moderate	High		High	E211	●					2.5	BLM input
SO20	Residential	San Antonio (West)	High	Low	High		High	A140				●	Sim 9	0.5	Residential views of river valley crossing
SO21	Residential	San Antonio (East)	High	Low	High		High	A140			●			0.75	Residential views of project crossing VRM Class II
SO22	Travel Route	U.S. Route 380	Moderate	Low	Moderate		Moderate	A111, A112	●				Sim 10	1.6	BLM input; travel route views of project crossing VRM Class II
SO23	Recreation	Bosque NWR	High	High	High	National Scenic Byway	High	A140		●				4.5	Based on BLM input. SR 1 (El Camino Real) provides access to this viewing location.
SO24	Residential	Willow Springs and Whispering Mountain Ranches	High	Low	High		High	A161				●		0.5	Residential views of project on VRM Class III
SO25 – Eliminated*	Recreation	Antelope WSA	Moderate	Low	High		High	A181, A250	●					3	BLM input
SO26 – Eliminated*	Recreation	Jornada del Muerto WSA	Moderate	Low	High		High	A250, A300, A255, A256	●					2.25	BLM input
SO27	Recreation	Fort Craig National Historic Site	High	Moderate	High	Historic	High	A161, A161a	●					5.5	BLM input
SO28	Travel Route	I-25 (El Camino Real) and Fort Craig Rest Area	Moderate	High	High	National Scenic Byway	High	A161a		●	●			5	National scenic byway and rest area with backdropped views of project crossing VRM Class IV
SO29 – Eliminated*	Recreation	Camino Lands Recreation Heritage Center	Moderate	Moderate	High		High	A161a, A256	●					5	Potential superior views of project
SO30	Travel Route	SR 1 (El Camino Real)	Moderate	Moderate	High	National Scenic Byway	High	A270				●	Sim 11	0.9	Scenic route paralleled by route while crossing in rolling to steep terrain designated as VRM Class IV
SO31 (a & b)	Recreation	Gran Quivira unit of Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument	High	High	High	Scenic, Historic	High	E83, E84		●		●	Sim 47a, Sim 47b	2 (Link E83), 4.2 (Link E84)	National historic site with superior views of Project from the national monument
<b>NEW MEXICO - Roswell Field Office</b>															
RO1	Residential	County Road A020 Residence	High	Low	High		High	A21				●		0.9	Potential views of project in rolling terrain
RO2	Travel Route	U.S. Route 54 and Rest Area	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate		Moderate	A10				●		0.4	Travel route views of project crossing near rest area
RO3- Eliminated*	Residential	U.S. Route 54 Residence	High	Low	High		High	D10b				●	Sim 12	0.1	Residential views of project paralleling travel route
RO4- Eliminated*	Residential	Windmill Ranch	High	Low	High		High	D10b				●		1.2	Superior views of project from entrance to existing and future residential development area

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RO5- Eliminated*	Travel Route	SR 349	Low	Low	Moderate		Moderate	D10b				●		crossing	Recreation access route crossed by project
RO6- Eliminated*	Recreation	Valley of Fires Recreation Area	High	High	High		High	D10b, D61, D62, D71, D70	●					6	High use recreation area with superior views of project
RO7- Eliminated*	Residential	Carrizozo	High	Low	High		High	D61, D62, D10b				●	Sim 13	1.6	Existing and future residential development with views of project
RO8- Eliminated*	Residential	County Road A003 Residence	High	Low	High		High	D832, D831, D830				●	Sim 14	0.2	Residential views of project paralleling travel route
<b>NEW MEXICO - Las Cruces Field Office</b>															
LC1- Eliminated*	Recreation	Three Rivers Petroglyph Site	High	High	High		High	D104a, D220a	●				Sim 15	3.1	Recreation area with cultural significance; potential superior views of project
LC2- Eliminated*	Residential	Tularosa North	High	Low	High		High	D104b				●		0.5	Inferior views of project crossing rolling terrain
LC3- Eliminated*	Travel Route	U.S. Route 70	Low	Moderate	Moderate		Moderate	D104b	●		●		Sim 16	0.4	Travel route views of project crossing BLM land (VRM Class II)
LC4- Eliminated*	Residential	Tularosa South	High	Low	High		High	D903, D902, D104b			●		Sim 17	0.2	Residential views of project crossing BLM land (VRM Class IV)
LC5- Eliminated*	Residential	Alamogordo South	High	Low	High		High	D190, D160, D180, D200, D150				●	Sim 18	1	Residential and travel route views of project that may be skylined
LC6- Eliminated*	Recreation	White Sands National Monument	High	High	High		High	D220, D250	●	●			Sim 19	6.1	National recreation destination with views of the project crossing BLM land (VRM Class IV)
LC7- Eliminated*	Residential	Orogrande	High	Low	High		High	D260b				●		0.6	Residential views of project that may be skylined
LC8- Eliminated*	Residential	Chaparral	High	Low	High		High	D400			●		Sim 20	0.2	Residential views of project (common link) crossing BLM VRM Class IV
LC9- Eliminated*	Recreation	Organ/Franklin Mountains ACEC	Moderate	Moderate	High	Scenic	High	D420, D440, D460	●					0.1	Recreation views of project crossing VRM Class III within an existing utility corridor
LC10- Eliminated*	Residential	Berino	High	Low	High		High	D700				●	Sim 21	0.5	Residential views of project crossing Rio Grande
LC11- Eliminated*	Residential	Vado	High	Low	High		High	D513, D515				●	Sim 22	0.4	Scenic route and residential views of project crossing Rio Grande
LC12- Eliminated*	Residential	Camino Feliz Residence	High	Low	High		High	D700, D515			●			0.5	Residence with superior views of project crossing Rio Grande Valley on VRM Class III

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LC13-Eliminated*	Residential	SR 549 Residence	High	Low	High		High	A470			●			0.1	Potential views of project crossing VRM Class II land from residence
LC14	Residential	County Road A030 Residence	High	Low	High		High	A430				●		2.1	Residential views of project that may be skylined
LC15-Eliminated*	Recreation	Jornada del Muerto Trailhead	High	Moderate	High		High	A340	●					0.75	Trailhead with views of project crossing BLM land (VRM Class II)
LC16-Eliminated*	Recreation	Jornada del Muerto Historical Marker	High	Low	High		High	A261			●			3.3	Recreation views of project crossing BLM land (no VRM Class) from historical marker
LC17-Eliminated*	Residential	County Road A030 Residence	High	Low	High		High	A301a, A255, A313			●			2	Residential views of project on BLM lands (VRM Class IV)
LC18	Residential	SR 142 Residence	High	Low	High		High	A270			●			0.3	Residential views of project on BLM lands (VRM Class IV)
LC19	Travel Route	Interstate 25(El Camino Real)	Low	High	High	National Scenic Byway	High	A260	●	●			Sim 23	crossing	National scenic route crossed by project on BLM land (VRM Class III)
LC20	Recreation	Elephant Butte State Park	High	High	High		High	A260				●		3.6	Inferior views from park/river
LC21	Travel Route	Geronimo National Scenic Byway	Moderate	Moderate	High	National Scenic Byway	High	A330a	●	●				crossing	National scenic byway crossed by project on BLM land (VRM Class IV)
LC22	Travel Route	Lake Valley Back Country Byway/Geronimo National Scenic Byway	Moderate	Moderate	High	National Scenic Byway	High	A330b	●	●			Sim 24	crossing	National scenic byway crossed by project on BLM land (VRM Class III)
LC23-Eliminated*	Residential	Arrey	High	Low	High		High	A351, A352			●		Sim 25	0.5	Residences with views of project crossing river valley into BLM land (VRM Class II and III)
LC24-Eliminated*	Residential	Derry	High	Low	High		High	A352, A370			●		Sim 26	0.7	Residences with views of project crossing river valley into BLM land (VRM Class II and III)
LC25-Eliminated*	Travel Route	Lake Valley Back Country Byway and SR 26	Moderate	Moderate	High	Scenic	High	A400, A420	●					0.4	Direct views of project crossing VRM Class IV land from scenic route
LC26	Travel Route	SR 26 and Butterfield Historic Trail	Moderate	Moderate	High	Historic	High	A440	●				Sim 27	0.2	Historic trail crossed by project in VRM Class II
LC27	Travel Route	SR 180	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate		Moderate	B80	●				Sim 28	0.5	Travel route with potential views of project
LC28	Recreation	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (North)	High	Moderate	High	National Scenic Trail	High	B121, B111, B120b	●	●			Sim 29	0.4	Superior views of project crossing national scenic trail
LC29	Travel Route	SR 90	Low	Moderate	Moderate		Moderate	B121	●					crossing	Recreation destination route (Gila NF) crossing BLM land (VRM Class III)

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LC30	Residential	Lordsburg	High	Low	High		High	B112			●		Sim 30	0.8	Residences with potential views of southern alternative crossing BLM land (VRM Class II, IV)
LC31	Recreation	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (South)	High	Moderate	High	National Scenic Trail	High	B112	●	●			Sim 31	0.4	National scenic trail with views of project crossing VRM Class II
LC32	Recreation	Shakespeare Ghost town	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Historic	Moderate	B112			●			0.25	Historic significance and recreation with views of project crossing BLM land (VRM Class II)
<b>New Mexico – Rio Puerco Field Office</b>															
RP1	Travel Route	SR 55 Salt Missions Trail Scenic Byway	Moderate	Low	High	Scenic Byway	High	1.1 E83				●		crossing	Scenic byway crossed by project.
RP2	Residential	SR 55 Residence	High	Low	High		High	E83, E84				●		0.9	Residential views of project
<b>ARIZONA - Safford Field Office</b>															
SA1	Recreation	Peloncillo Mountain Wilderness	High	Low	High		High	B150a	●					0.3	WSA (VRM Class I) with potential views of project crossing VRM Class IV
SA2	Residential	San Simon	High	Low	High		High	B150b			●			0.25	Residences with level views of project crossing VRM Class III
SA3	Travel Route	Hackel Road	Moderate	Low	Moderate		Moderate	B160b	●					crossing	Recreation access route to Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area crossed by project
SA4	Residential	Artesia	High	Low	High		High	B153a				●	Sim 32	0.4	Inferior views of project crossing steep terrain near residence
SA5	Travel Route	Swift Trail Parkway (SR 366)	High	Moderate	High	Scenic	High	B153a				●	Sim 33	crossing	Scenic road crossed by project
SA6	Residential	Lebanon	High	Low	High		High	B153a				●		3	Backdropped residential views of project crossing steep terrain
SA7	Recreation	Cluff Ranch Wildlife Area	Moderate	Low	High		Moderate	B153b				●		0.8	Recreation area with potential views of project crossing steep terrain
SA8	Recreation	Bear Springs ACEC	High	Low	High		High	B153b	●					1	Views from ACEC and recreation access route
SA9	Travel Route	Bonita Aravaipa Road (East)	Moderate	Low	Moderate	FS Scenic Drive	High	C130a				●		3	Views from FS scenic drive within FS boundary
SA10	Residential	Sulphur Springs Valley	High	Low	High		High	C110				●		0.1–0.5	Partially skylined views of project from residences; existing transmission lines adjacent to project
SA11	Travel Route	Bonita Aravaipa Road (West)	Moderate	Low	Moderate	FS Scenic Drive	High	C130b				●		crossing	FS scenic drive crossed by project
SA12	Travel Route	Klondyke Road (East)	Moderate	Low	Moderate	FS Scenic Drive	High	B153b, C130b, C170				●		crossing	FS scenic drive crossed by project

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SA13	Travel Route	Klondyke Road (North)	High	Moderate	High		High	C170				●		0.5	Recreation access road crossed by project (access to Aravaipa)
SA14	Travel Route	Rug Road	High	Moderate	High		High	C170				●	Sim 34	0.75	Recreation access road crossed by project (access to Aravaipa)
SA15	Travel Route	Muleshoe Ranch Road	Moderate	Low	Moderate		Moderate	C260				●		crossing	Recreation access road crossed by project
<b>ARIZONA - Tucson Field Office</b>															
TU1	Residential	Mammoth	High	Low	High		High	C592				●		1	Residential views of project crossing San Pedro River Valley
TU2	Travel Route	State Route 77 (North)	Low	Moderate	Moderate		Moderate	C592				●	Sim 35	crossing	San Pedro River crossing at Mammoth
TU3	Recreation	Arizona National Scenic Trail – Black Hills	High	Moderate	High	National Scenic Trail	High	C620		●				crossing	Black Hills realignment. BLM input
TU4	Residential	Oracle	High	Low	High		High	C680, C690				●	Sim 36	1	Residential views of project crossing rolling terrain
TU5	Recreation	Arizona National Scenic Trail (Tiger Mine Trailhead)	High	Moderate	High	National Scenic Trail	High	C661, C670, C671		●			Sim 37	0.5	Recreation views of two alternatives near trailhead
TU6	Residential	San Manuel	High	Low	High		High	C660				●	Sim 38	1	San Pedro River Valley crossing at San Manuel
TU7	Residential	San Manuel (West)	High	Low	High		High	C450				●		1.5	Residences with inferior views of project crossing rolling terrain
TU8	Travel Route	Mount Lemmon Road	High	Low	High	FS Scenic Drive	High	C450				●		3.5	Recreation access road to CNF and Peppersauce Campground with superior views of project
TU9	Residential	San Pedro River Valley (North)	High	Low	High		High	C441				●		5	Residence with inferior views of project
TU10	Travel Route	Cascabel Road	Moderate	Low	Moderate		Moderate	C276				●	Sim 39	crossing	San Pedro River Valley crossing
TU11	Travel Route	Cascabel Road (South)	Moderate	Low	Moderate		Moderate	C261, C201, F40a				●		crossing	San Pedro River Valley crossing. BLM input
TU12	Residential	Wrong Mountain Road Residence	High	Low	High		High	F40a				●		0.3	Rural residence with of project in rolling terrain; primary views of wilderness area/national park
TU13	Recreation	Arizona National Scenic Trail (Cienega Creek Preserve Trailhead)	High	Moderate	High	National Scenic Trail	High	F51		●			Sim 40	1	Views of both alternatives from trailhead
TU14	Travel Route	State Route 83	Low	High	Moderate	Scenic	High	F600				●	Sim 41	1.5	Views from scenic route
TU15	Residential	Civano	High	Low	High		High	F81a				●		0.5	Residential views of project within river corridor
TU16	Recreation	Saguaro National Park (East)	High	High	High		High	F81a		●			Sim 42	2	Recreation area of national importance; superior views of project within river corridor

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TU17	Residential	Alvernon	High	Low	High		High	F111				●		0.02	Residences immediately adjacent to I-10 alternative
TU18	Travel Route	Gates Pass Road	Moderate	High	High	Scenic	High	F112				●		4.75	Scenic route with superior views of project
TU19	Recreation	Santa Cruz River Park/Anza National Historic Trail	High	Moderate	High	National Historic Trail	High	F112		●			Sim 43	parallel	Recreation views project within park
TU20	Travel Route	Sky Island National Scenic Byway	High	Low	High	National Scenic Byway	High	F81a, F81b				●		3.6	Scenic route and residences with superior views of project
TU21	Residential	Mehl Park Residence	High	Moderate	High		High	F81b				●	Sim 44	0.04	Residences immediately adjacent to project located within Rillito River Park
TU22	Travel Route	River Road	Moderate	Moderate	High	Scenic	High	F81b				●		0.2	Scenic road with superior views of project within Rillito River Corridor
TU23	Travel Route	Oracle Road	Moderate	Moderate	High	Scenic	High	F81b				●		1.4	Scenic road with superior views
TU24	Residential	Silverbell Road Residence	High	Moderate	High	Scenic	High	F81b, F112				●		0.2	Residential views of project paralleling scenic road
TU25	Recreation	Saguaro National Park (West)	High	High	High		High	F510		●			Sim 45	2.75	Recreation area of national importance; superior views of project
TU26	Other Land Use Type	Ritz-Carlton Resort	Moderate	Moderate	High		Moderate	F510				●		3.5	Slightly superior views of rural landscape
TU27	Recreation	Biosphere	High	Moderate	Moderate		High	C680				●		3	Slightly superior views of project
TU28	Residence	Longhoen Trail Residence (Red Rock)	High	Low	High		High	C810, C814, C680b, C818			●			1	Residential views of project crossing VRM Class III; several existing transmission lines
TU29	Travel Route	Park Link Drive	Moderate	Low	Moderate		Moderate	C817, C818, C820	●					crossing	Local travel route view of project crossing VRM Class III
TU30	Travel Route	Pinal Pioneer Parkway (SR 79)	Moderate	Moderate	High	Parkway	High	C760, C780	●					2.75	Major travel route on BLM land viewing project crossing BLM VRM Class III
TU31	Travel Route	Tom Mix Memorial Rest Area	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Historic	Moderate	C760, C780, C790				●		0.15	Rest area with views of project crossing major travel route
TU32	Other Land Use Type	St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery	High	Low	High		High	C790				●		3.2	Open views of landscape from superior viewing position within monastery
TU33	Residential	Earley Road Residence	High	Low	High		High	C880a				●	Sim 46	0.25	Residence with level views of project
TU34	Travel Route	SR 77 (South)	Low	Moderate	Moderate		Moderate	C661				●		0.4	Major travel route crossed by route. BLM input
TU35	Travel Route	Pinal Pioneer Parkway (SR 79)	Moderate	Moderate	High	Parkway	High	C680				●		crossing	Major travel route crossed by route. BLM input
TU36	Travel Route	Freeman Road	Moderate	Low	Moderate		Moderate	C693	●					crossing	Recreation access road to BLM land. BLM input

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TU37	Recreation	Arizona National Scenic Trail – Davidson Canyon	High	Moderate	High	National Scenic Trail	High	F600		●				crossing	Potential views of project crossing Davidson Canyon. BLM input

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