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Dear Mr. Colton:

SDG&E's September 27, 2011 request to continue work until 1:00 PM (1300hours) on level Ev Project Activity Level (PAL) fire danger days has been reviewed by Forest Service staff assigned to the project.

You may work at the sites listed below until 1:00 PM on Ev fire danger days under the following conditions: 1) Compliance with all previous project variance permissions. 2) Compliance with the PAL Variance Checklist. 3) Compliance with the Special Use Permit Fire Plan (Exhibit 9). 4) Adherence to fire mitigation measures previously proposed by SDG&E as approved by the Forest Service. Operations may proceed until 1PM (1300 hours) on Ev fire danger days under the cumulative restrictions of PAL from A through Ev, and using the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site. One 2000 to 4000 gallon water truck, a full time fire watch with a type 6 brush patrol carrying a minimum of 300 gallons of water to remain on site at least 2 hours past the end of the work day, a fire marshal to patrol the area and monitor weather conditions, and appropriate fire tools kept within 25 feet of operations at all times.

- 1) Brush clearing at vehicle accessible work sites: CP99-2; CP100-1; EP25-1, EP36-1, EP131; EP138-2; EP129; EP141; La Posta Road (LPR) improvement work (entire length includes turnouts); and Thing Valley Construction Yard (TVCY).
- 2) Grading at vehicle accessible work sites: CP69-3; CP99-2; CP100-1; EP35-1, EP36-1, EP125; EP126-1; EP127; EP130-1; EP131; EP130&131PS; existing road to EP-141; LPR to EP141 includes placement of aggregate and Thing Valley construction yard.
- 3) Hand clearing at TSAP's & Remote Tower Sites: CP73-2; CP104-1; CP105-1; EP2-3; EP3--3, EP4-3, EP5-2; EP6-1; EP14-1; EP15; EP18; EP19-1; EP20-2; EP21-1; EP22-1; EP22-1; EP23-2; EP134; EP140 tower site only, EP142-1; and EP143-1.
- 4) Grading at TSAP's: No variance.
- 5) Boulder Breaking & Benching: No variance.
- 6) Soil borings: CP99-1; CP100-1; and EP141.





- 7) Conventional foundation construction: CP69-3; CP99-2; CP100-1; EP-113; EP130-1; and EP141 (Note: foundation work may commence at LPR sites when improvement work with aggregate is complete from end of pavement to the work site).
- 8) Micro-pile foundation construction: No variance.
- 9) Fence Installation: Thing Valley construction yard.
- 10) *Installation, maintenance and inspection of BMP's*: Approved project wide consistent with Special Use Permit Fire Plan (Exhibit #9).
- 11) Mobilization/Removal of Equipment from Micro pile Sites: In accordance to mitigation measures outlined in September 27, 2011.
- 12) Hydromulching: All vehicle accessible project areas where slope stabilization is required.
- 13) Gate and barrier installation at work sites: EP125, EP126-1, EP127, EP129, EP 130-1; and EP131 (Note: USFS permit required for welding, cutting, or grinding. Permit valid only on Project Activity Levels (P.A.L.) days A-D. No variance for P.A.L. level E.V...

Also renewed are those work activities included in the Forest Service August 17th & 25th, September 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, 2011 responses to SDG&E requests to continue work until 1:00 PM on level Ev PAL fire danger days.

All SDG&E activities are subject to the PAL for Forest Service Area 685, the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit, project plans, and exhibits. Variances may be issued to SDG&E before the close of business every Thursday and are good for the next seven day period (September 30th thru October 6th). If you have questions contact Brian Paul, Sunrise Project Manager at (619) 445-6235.

Sincerely,

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Acting District Ranger

Sunrise Powerlink Project

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