

CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

A Sempra Energy uti	ity MINOR PI	ROJE	CT REFINEM	IENT R	EQU	JEST F	FORM
Date Submitted:	07-26 - 19		Request #:	038	8		
Date Approval Required:	08-09-19		Landowner:	Var	rious		
APN:	XXX-XXX-XX, XX XXX-XXX-XX	X-XXX-2	XX, XXX-XXX-XX	, XXX-XX	X-XX	, XXX-X	XX-XX,
Refinement from (check all	that apply):	-					
☐ Mitigation Measure	\Box APM	🛛 Pro	oject Description	🗆 Drav	wing	\boxtimes	Other
Identify source (mitigation	measure, project dese	cription,	etc.):				
Notice to Proceed (NTP) req (TL) 629A of the Cleveland California Public Utilities Co approval, additional construct landowners have been identified determined that the location of description and justification of	National Forest Power ommission (CPUC) and tion-only access roads fied along TL629A. In of a new pole needs to	Line Rep d United S that will addition be shifted	blacement Projects (l States Forest Service help minimize impa , San Diego Gas & H d to reduce impacts t	Project) was on April 1 cts to the pu Electric Cor to an active	s appro 9, 2019 ublic a npany	oved by th 9. Since the nd nearby (SDG&E	this 7 2) has
Attachments (check all that	t apply):						
☑ Refinement Request Screening Form (see Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Reques Screening Form)			⊠ Maps (See Attachment B: Comparison Map)		ttachm	Other (Se hent C: Im Table)	
Under Order 2 of the Decis Line Replacement Projects circumstances. In accordan (a) through (d).	(D.16-05-038), the Cl	PUC may	y approve minor pr	oject refin	ement	s under c	ertain
(a) Is the proposed refinem area? The requested refinements ar Environmental Impact Repor depicted in Figure ES-1 Regi partially within the baseline I hydrological, biological, and 2019. Additional details rega applicable resource section in Form.	e located within the ge t/Environmental Impac onal Overview Map in piological, cultural, and cultural resources surv arding the specific surv	cographic ct Study (1 the Fina 1 hydrolo veys were veys cond	boundary of the Fin EIR/EIS) study area I EIR/EIS. The refin gical survey areas. S conducted in 2017, ucted are provided i	al , which is nements occo Supplement 2018, and n each		□ Yes	⊠ No
 (b) Will the proposed refine increase in the severity of a used in the EIR/EIS? A discussion of changes in si criteria used in the Final EIR area are fully analyzed in Att 	previously identified gnificant impacts due t /EIS and is resource ar	to the request	uested refinements i ic. The changes to e	the criteri s based on each resource	ce	□ Yes	⊠ No
(c) Does the proposed refin or policy?	ement conflict with a	ny mitiga	ntion measure or ap	plicable la	W	□ Yes	🖾 No

(d) Does the proposed refinement trigger an additional permit requirement?	□ Yes	🖾 No					
Describe refinement being requested (attach drawings and photos as needed):							
SDG&E requests the following refinements along TL629A:							
 addition of 453 feet of construction-only access road to Pole Z273040; addition of 693 feet of construction-only access road to Pole P253504; addition of 340 feet of construction-only access road to Pole Z172744; and shifting the location of Pole P258377 approximately 126 feet south, as well as addition of work area and approximately 204 feet of construction-only access road.¹ 	of a tempor	ary pole					
Attachment B: Comparison Map depicts the data approved in NTP #20/MPR #26 and Workspace Adjustment #64 in comparison to the requested refinements, as described in this MPR request. The activities associated with the construction and utilization of the refinement areas will occur in the same manner as described in the Final EIR/EIS for construction of the Project. The requested refinements will result in a total of approximately 0.28 acre of temporary impacts (of which approximately 0.06 acre is classified as native vegetation) and no permanent impacts. ² The breakdown of the temporary impacts is summarized in Attachment C: Impacts Table.							
Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed):							
The refinements are requested for the following reasons:							
 Poles Z273040 and P253504 are pole-top work only poles that are currently accessed via order for construction personnel to safely climb the poles and complete the pole-top wor lines must be de-energized. However, pole-top work at these locations can be accomplise energization of the overhead lines if a bucket truck is used. Adding construction-only ac poles will allow equipment access, which will minimize customer outages and increase s at these locations. Pole Z172744 is currently accessed via footpaths to the west and the east. The nearest p P259376, are both accessed via construction-only access roads. Continuing the construct road between these poles to Pole Z172744 will allow equipment access from the west, an of property damage and traffic through a private entrance near Pole P259376. The approved location for Pole P258377 occurs within a private, active pasture; therefor location of the pole south will reduce impacts to the pasture. As a result of the shift, new work area and a construction-only access road are needed to replace the temporary pole construction-only access roads that will no longer be utilized. 	k, the over shed witho ccess roads schedule fl oles, Z172 tion-only a nd reduce t e, shifting v temporar	head ut de- to these exibility 743 and access he risk the y pole					
Date refinement is expected to be implemented: 08-12-19							
Resource Agency Coordination							

Resource Agency	Name	Action Required	Date		entation hed if yes)
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	□ Yes	🖾 No

¹ The approved temporary pole work area for Pole P258377, Stringing Site (SS-) 4, and two construction-only access roads to Pole P258377 and SS-4 are no longer needed. This will result in a reduction of 0.17 acre of temporary impacts to bare ground. ² Any area that overlaps with approved NTP #20/MPR #26 components is not included in the temporary impact total. In

addition, the acreage for components that are no longer needed has been subtracted from this total.

ATTACHMENT A: MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

RESOURCE EVALUATION

The requested refinements were evaluated to verify that they will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project). The following Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist answers the consistency questions for each resource category and includes a description and justification below each resource category, as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the California Environmental Quality Act Checklist provided in the Final EIR/EIS. Refer to the Final EIR/EIS for details on the Project's impact evaluation.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Visual Resources (e.g., adversely affect scenic vistas, damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, create sources of light or glare, or result in an inconsistency with applicable scenic integrity objectives)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation³: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i>			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:

Shifting the location of Pole P258377 will not substantially increase impacts to visual resources as the pole will be relocated closer to the existing transmission line right-of-way. The addition of construction-only access roads and a temporary pole work area may impact the visual character of those areas due to minor grading and/or vegetation removal. However, temporary impacts will be reduced with the implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02. In addition, the requested refinements will be consistent with the visual resource analysis defined in the Final EIR/EIS and will not impact scenic vistas or affect existing views from eligible State Scenic Highways or County of San Diego Scenic Routes. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to visual resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, conflict with applicable local air quality plans, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)? Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable			
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Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:

Activities associated with utilization of the requested refinement areas (e.g., the type of equipment used) will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS and will not increase air emissions beyond what was analyzed. The refinement areas are located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors. Potential air quality impacts to sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of Project components were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. The additional minor grading and vegetation removal required for the refinement areas may result in a minor increase in air quality impacts in localized areas. However, these activities will be short-term and temporary. With the implementation of APM AIR-01 through APM AIR-05, use of the refinement areas will not expose nearby sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations, which is consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the

³ The Final EIR/EIS evaluations of impact significance are provided for each resource; this table notes the most significant determination within each resource section identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact previously analyzed impact to air quality as identified in the Fina		crease in the sev	verity of a
Biological Resources (e.g., result in temporary or permanent loss of native vegetation, preserve areas, native wildlife and/or their habitats; cause an adverse effect to jurisdictional waters or sensitive or special-status species; result in the introduction of invasive, non-native, or noxious plant species; conflict with local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan; or interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory wildlife)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:

The requested refinement areas were partially surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities and special-status plant and wildlife species during initial Project surveys. In addition, supplemental surveys of the requested refinement areas were conducted in 2019. Other supplemental surveys conducted in 2017, 2018, and 2019 along Transmission Line (TL) 629A included a bat roost assessment and follow-up surveys for Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) and other special-status bat species; protocol-level surveys for Hermes copper butterfly (*Lycaena hermes*); and focused surveys for special-status plants.

The requested refinements will result in a total of approximately 0.28 acre of temporary impacts. This includes approximately 0.19 acre of temporary impacts to developed/disturbed areas⁴ and approximately 0.09 acre of temporary impacts to the following vegetation communities⁵:

- approximately 0.03 acre of non-native grassland;
- approximately 0.06 acre of southern mixed chaparral; and
- less than 0.01 acre of southern riparian forest.

No special-status plants, special-status butterfly host plants, or special-status butterfly habitat occur within or adjacent to the requested refinements. Temporary impacts of approximately 0.07 acre to United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated critical habitat for arroyo toad (*Anaxyrus californicus*) and temporary impacts of approximately 0.04 acre to U.S. Forest Service occupied habitat for arroyo toad will occur due to the construction-only access road to Pole P253504.⁶ All APMs and mitigation measures (MMs) defined in the Project's Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program—as well as other permit and plan conditions—will be implemented as applicable to minimize or mitigate for any additional impacts. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to biological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

⁴ These impacts fall in the Agricultural/Disturbed/Developed/Bare Ground impact category for SDG&E's Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP).

⁵ Southern mixed chaparral and southern riparian forest fall in the Native Vegetation impact category and non-native grassland falls in the Non-Native Grassland impact category for SDG&E's Subregional NCCP.

⁶ Any area that overlaps with approved Notice to Proceed (NTP) #20/Minor Project Refinement #26 components is not included in the temporary impact totals for habitat. In addition, the acreage for components that are no longer needed has been subtracted from this total.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Cultural and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse change to Traditional Cultural Properties or historical, archeological, or paleontological resources; or disturb any human remains)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources:

The requested refinement areas occur within the Project's area of potential effect, as defined in the Project's Programmatic Agreement. The refinement areas were partially surveyed for cultural resources during initial surveys for the Project in 2009 and 2010. In addition, intensive supplemental pedestrian surveys of the refinement areas were conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2017, 2018, and 2019. No new cultural resources were recorded, and no previously recorded cultural resources were identified during the supplemental surveys. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to cultural resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

The requested refinement areas are underlain by geologic rock units/formations assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 1 (i.e., very low sensitivity) and Class 2 (i.e., low sensitivity). Because the refinement does not require excavation underlain by rock units with a PFYC Class 3 (moderate or unknown sensitivity) ranking, additional paleontological monitoring and an update to the Paleontological Monitoring & Treatment Plan will not be required. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to paleontological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Greenhouse Gases (e.g., result in a net increase of greenhouse gas emissions, or conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions)?		
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:

Activities associated with the utilization of the requested refinement areas are consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Although additional minor grading and vegetation removal will occur, these activities will not trigger an exceedance of the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year or the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grading and land clearing. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to GHG emissions as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Public Health and Safety (e.g., result in a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; emit hazardous waste within one-quarter mile of a school; be located on a hazardous materials site; result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area; interfere with an adopted emergency plan; or create safety hazards due to structural failure)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation</i> (<i>Class II</i>)/Adverse			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Health and Safety:

The requested refinements occur within the area assessed in the *Report on ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Cleveland National Forest Electric Safety and Reliability Project San Diego County, California.* No known hazardous materials sites are located in the refinement areas. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to public health and safety as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Fire and Fuels Management (e.g., increase the probability of a wildfire, reduce the effectiveness of firefighting, or introduce non-native plants that would contribute to ignition potential)?	\boxtimes	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management:

The requested refinements are located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which was included in the Fire and Fuels Management analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. The potential risk of wildfire ignition and spread associated with the refinement areas will be managed in compliance with the Project's Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to fire and fuels management as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., result in increased levels of turbidity, introduce contaminants, deplete groundwater supplies, or degrade water quality)?	\boxtimes	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Hydrology and Water Quality:

The refinement areas were partially surveyed for the presence of waters of the state and/or the U.S. (i.e., jurisdictional wetlands or non-wetland waters) during initial Project surveys. Supplemental water resource surveys of the refinement areas were conducted in 2018 and 2019. The requested refinements do not contain any waters of the state or the U.S. Although an ephemeral drainage is located approximately 12 feet south of the temporary pole work area for Pole P258377, impacts to this resource will be avoided and no jurisdictional water permitting will be required. To minimize potential impacts from erosion and off-site sedimentation during construction, the refinement areas will be included in a Change of Information for the Circuit 79A, TL625C, and TL629A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (Waste Discharge Identification #9 37C386349) and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Multiple Applications and Report Tracking System. In conclusion, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to hydrology and water quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Land Use (e.g., disturb land uses at or near the Project components, divide an established community, or conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:

In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of TL629A were notified of construction activities associated with NTP #20 on March 18, 2019. The property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinements were included in that notification process. The requested refinements will not introduce a new land use, establish a permanent barrier or obstacle between uses, or create a physical division or separation of use. In addition, the requested refinements will not conflict with the applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project, as they are located in the same County of San Diego land use and zoning designations that were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to land use as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)?		_	_
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse	\boxtimes		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise:

Construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement areas due to pole work, vegetation removal, minor grading, and large equipment operation. The refinement areas are located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors. Potential noise impacts to sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of Project components were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Use of the refinement areas may result in temporary increases in noise levels; however, the construction activities will be short-term and temporary at any given location. In addition, with implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, noise impacts from construction activities associated with the refinement areas will be the same as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to noise as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Public Services and Utilities (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, facilities for fire protection, municipal water supplies, telecommunications, and solid waste; or disrupt electric service)?Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation	X	
(Class II)/Adverse		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities:

The requested refinements will be consistent with the public services and utilities analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and will not require new or expanded public facilities or services. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to public services and utilities as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Recreation (e.g., reduce access and visitation to recreation areas, preclude recreational activities, or result in increased, unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation:

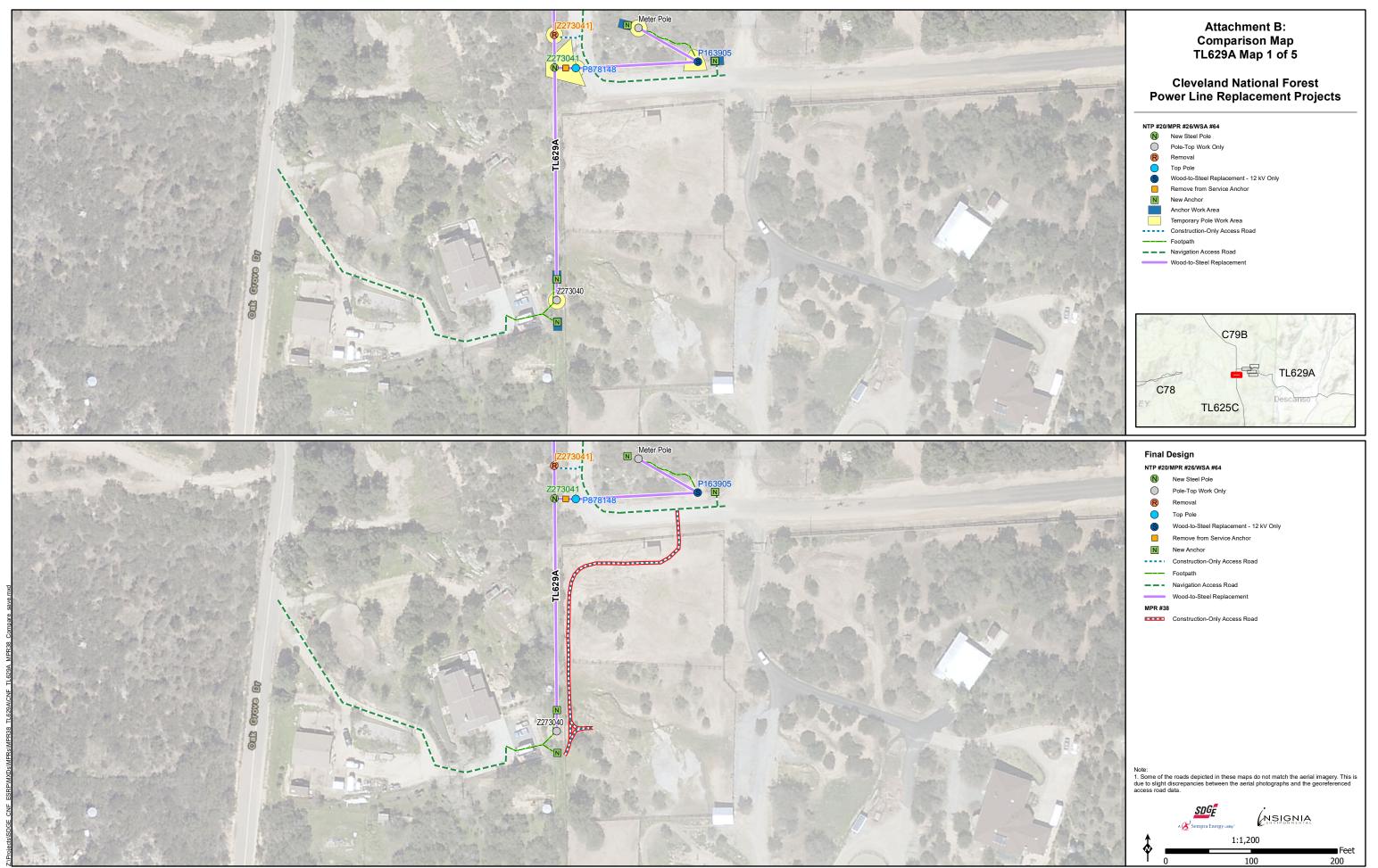
The requested refinement areas are located near the approved TL629A alignment and the California Riding and Hiking Trail. Consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, use of the refinement areas will not reduce or preclude access or visitation to this trail, nor will it increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to recreation as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

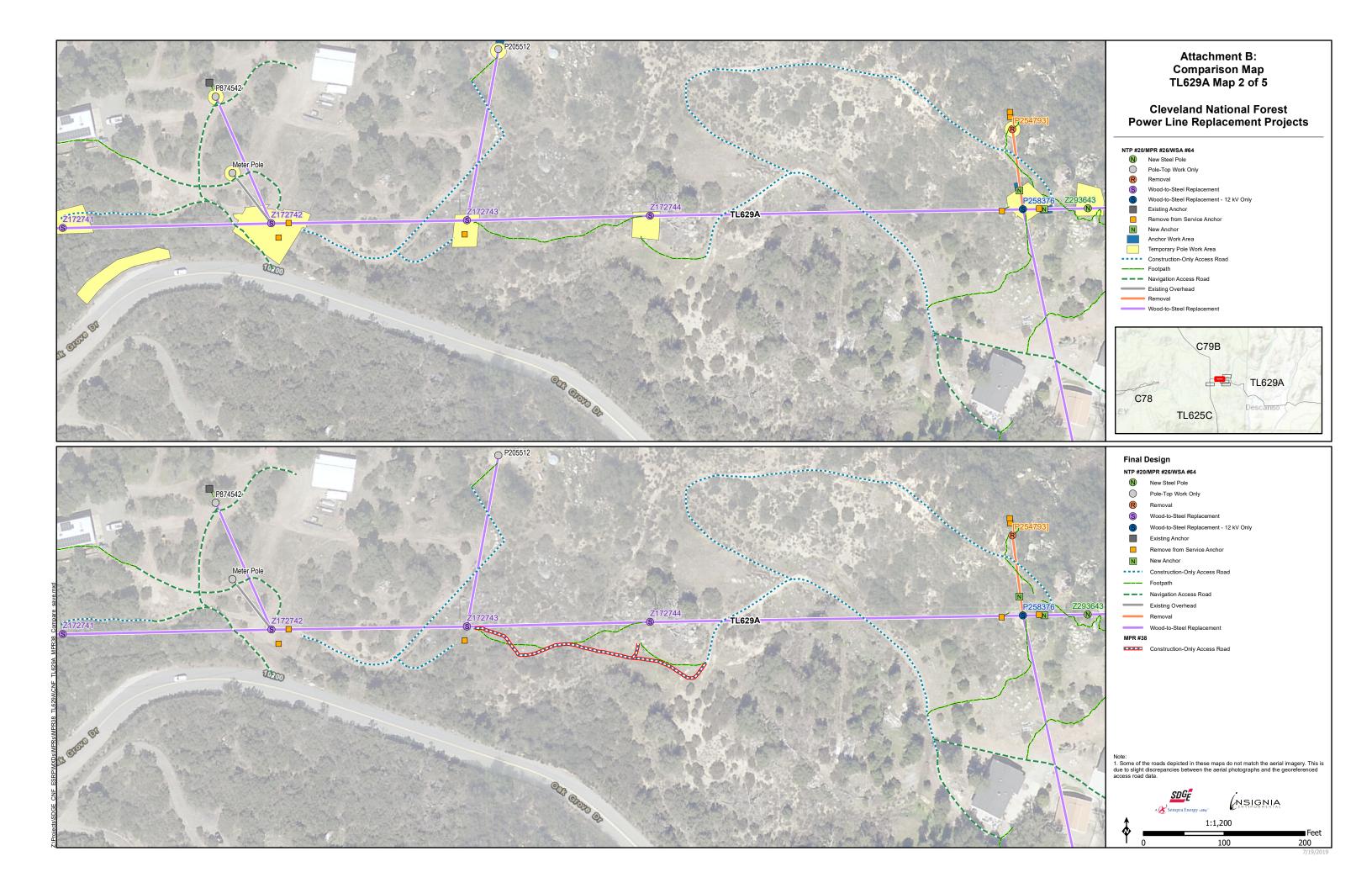
Transportation and Traffic (e.g., conflict with an applicable congestion management program or a plan, ordinance, or policy associated with the circulation system or alternative transportation; increase hazards due to a design feature; or result in inadequate emergency access)?		
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:

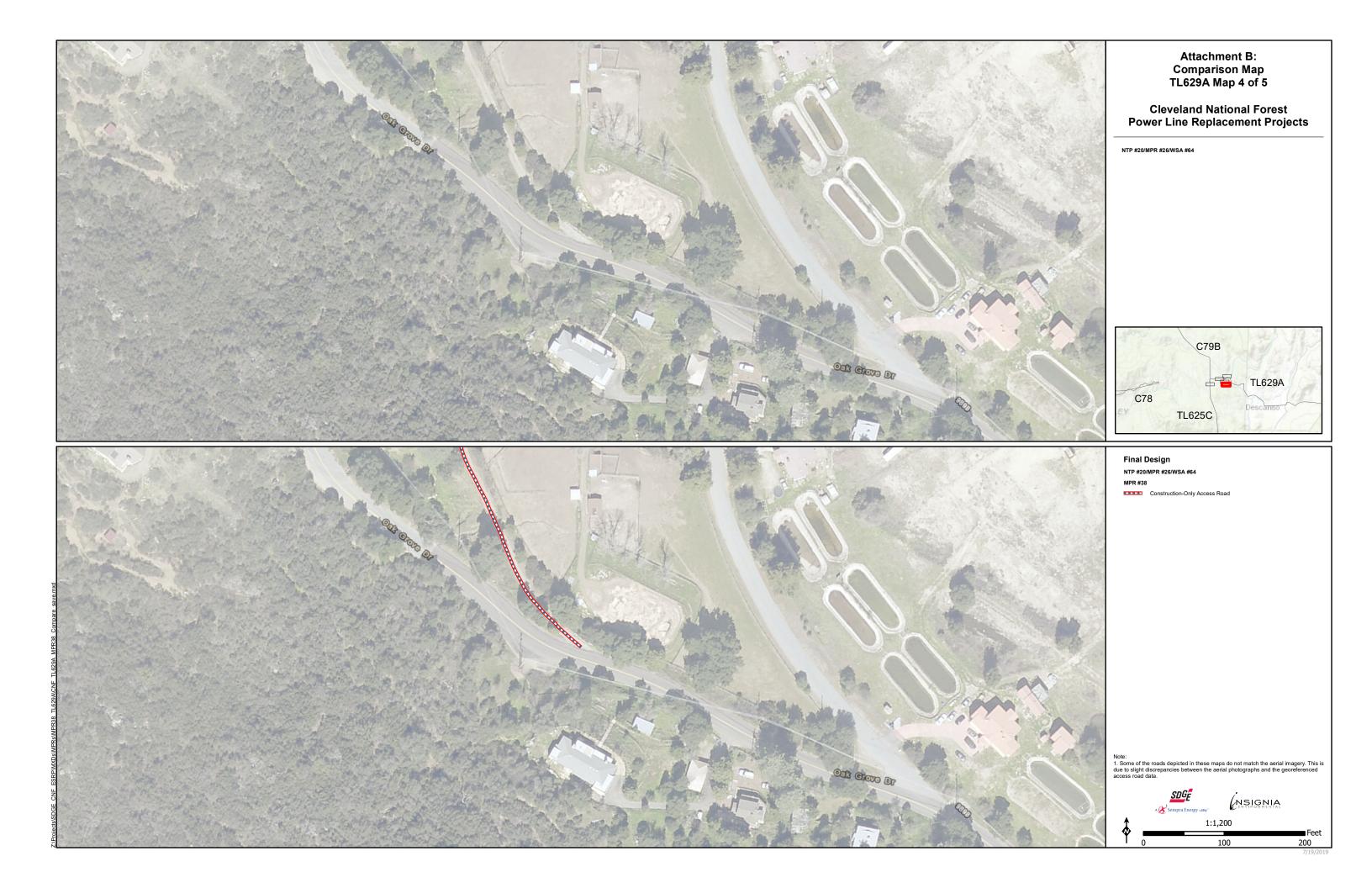
The requested refinements will not require additional or different types of construction vehicles and equipment than those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and the use of the requested refinement areas will affect the same roadways as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS (i.e., Oak Grove Drive and Hulburd Grove Drive), as well as some smaller private roads. With the implementation of APM TRANS-01 through APM TRANS-05, potential temporary impacts to the flow of traffic will be adequately addressed. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to transportation and traffic as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

ATTACHMENT B: COMPARISON MAP











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ATTACHMENT C: IMPACTS TABLE

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Table 1: Impacts Table lists the temporary impacts¹ of this Minor Project Refinement (MPR) request by vegetation type and workspace type.

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Impost I costion			• •	
Impact Location			Agricultural/Disturbed/ Developed/Bare Ground	
Access Roads ²	0.06	0.03	0.18	
Pole Work Area			<0.01	
MPR #38 Total	0.06	0.03	0.19	

¹ Any area that overlaps with approved Notice to Proceed #20/MPR #26 components is not included in the temporary impact total. In addition, the acreage for components that are no longer needed has been subtracted from this total.

² San Diego Gas & Electric Company uses three types of access roads—maintained, navigation, and constructiononly. Construction-only access roads can sometimes require improvements and maintenance, which create temporary impacts to vegetation.