



CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	02-07-18	Request #:	013
Date Approval Required:	02-14-18	Landowner:	United States Forest Service (USFS) ¹
APN:	XXX-XXX-XX, XXX-XXX-XX		
Refinement from (check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> APM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Description	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Identify source (mitigation measure, project description, etc.):			
In April 2015, San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E's) responses to Data Request #10 were submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The responses included Attachment B.10 C442 Route Map ² for the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project), which depicted approved pole locations. Pages B-20 and B-21 of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) describe the components of Circuit (C) 442; and pages B-45, B-47, and B-48 describe the Project's temporary workspace requirements for pole work areas and the methodology for pole installation. The information in this MPR request discusses the shift of Pole P178040 to a new location approximately 15 feet north of the location that was approved in Notice to Proceed (NTP) #8 (see Map 2 of 14 in Attachment B: NTP #8 Components Map for the original location), as well as the associated temporary pole work area. A brief description and justification of the refinements are provided on page 2 of this MPR request.			
Attachments (check all that apply):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refinement Request Screening Form (see Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos (See Attachment B: Photographs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps (See Attachment C: Survey Area Map)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Under Order 2 of the Decision Granting SDG&E Permit to Construct the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (D.16-05-038), the CPUC may approve minor project refinements under certain circumstances. In accordance with Order 2 of the Decision, respond "yes" or "no" to the following questions (a) through (d).			
(a) Is the proposed refinement outside the geographic boundary of the EIR/EIS study area? The requested refinements are located within the geographic boundary of the Final EIR/EIS study area, which is depicted in Figure ES-1 Regional Overview Map in the Final EIR/EIS. The refinement areas occur within the baseline biological and cultural survey areas, and partially within the baseline hydrological survey area. Supplemental hydrological and		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

¹ The USFS is the landowner for the main parcel referenced in this Minor Project Refinement (MPR) request. However, the USFS also leases out the parcel, resulting in additional assessor's parcel numbers (APNs).

² Attachment B.10 C442 Route Map depicts the 2015 baseline data.

biological resources surveys were conducted in 2018 to verify site conditions. Additional details regarding the specific surveys conducted can be found in each applicable resource section in Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form, and the boundaries of the survey areas are depicted in Attachment C: Survey Area Map.			
(b) Will the proposed refinement 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 EIR/EIS?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(c) Does the proposed refinement conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(d) Does the proposed refinement trigger an additional permit requirement?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Describe refinement being requested (attach drawings and photos as needed):			
As depicted in Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form and Attachment B: Photographs, SDG&E requests to shift Pole P178040 (a new steel pole) on C442 approximately 15 feet north of its approved location, and expand the temporary pole work area associated with Pole P178040 by less than 0.01 acre. The pole and temporary pole work area will be accessed using an existing, approved construction-only access road. Vegetation clearing will be required for use of the temporary pole work area. The activities associated with the installation of the pole will be consistent with the project description provided in the Final EIR/EIS.			
Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed):			
SDG&E is requesting to shift Pole P178040 per a USFS lessee's request. The location for Pole P178040, as depicted in NTP #8, will limit the USFS lessee's current use of the existing driveway. Moving the pole north and out of the driveway will eliminate this constraint.			
Date refinement is expected to be implemented:		02-15-18	
Resource Agency Coordination			
Resource Agency	Name	Action Required	Date
Documentation (see attached if yes)			
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		

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 (SDG&E) 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, 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 the details on the Project 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
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation³: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:</p> <p>The requested refinements will be consistent with the visual resource analysis as defined in the Final EIR/EIS. Impacts to the visual character of the area that may occur as a result of additional vegetation clearing are temporary and will be reduced with implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02. 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.</p>			
<p>Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, conflict with applicable local air quality plans, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:</p> <p>Activities associated with construction and utilization of the requested refinement areas (e.g., the type of equipment used and the number of truck trips) are consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS and will not increase air emissions beyond what was analyzed. Although additional vegetation clearing will occur and may result in a minor increase in air quality impacts for the localized area, this activity will be short term and temporary, and no additional sensitive receptors will be affected. With the implementation of air-related APMs, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			

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
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:</p> <p>The requested refinement areas were surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities and special-status plant and wildlife species during initial surveys that were conducted for the Project. A supplemental survey of the refinement areas was also conducted in 2018 to verify that no sensitive biological resources occur within or adjacent to the refinement areas. No special-status plant or wildlife species or other biological resource issues were identified within or adjacent to the refinement areas that were not analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Attachment C: Survey Area Map depicts the locations of the refinement areas and the biological survey results.</p> <p>The expansion of the temporary pole work area will result in an increase of less than 0.01 acre of temporary impacts to disturbed (ruderal/barren) habitat and United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated arroyo toad (<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>) critical habitat. 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 additional impacts, and no additional measures will be required for arroyo toad. Thus, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to biological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources:</p> <p>The requested refinement areas were previously surveyed for cultural resources during pre-construction and cultural resources inventory work, as described in the <i>Inventory, Evaluation and Treatment of Cultural Resources in the Cleveland National Forest Transmission and Distribution Line Increased Fire Safety Project in support of the Proponent’s Environmental Assessment</i> (ASM Affiliates, Inc. 2011). No new cultural resources and no previously recorded cultural resources were identified within the refinement areas. In addition, the refinements are located within the Project’s area of potential effect, as defined in the Project’s Programmatic Agreement. As a result, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified potential impact to cultural resources as defined in the Final EIR/EIS.</p> <p>The requested refinements areas are underlain by the same geological formations along Circuit (C) 442 as analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS, which include geologic rock units/formations assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 1 (very low sensitivity). Because the refinements are not 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 identified potential impact to paleontological resources as defined in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			

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
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:</p> <p>Activities associated with the construction and utilization of the requested refinement areas are consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Although additional vegetation clearing will occur, the requested refinements will not trigger an exceedance of the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year or an exceedance of the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grading and land clearing due to the small change in acreage. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to GHGs as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Health and Safety:</p> <p>The requested refinements occur within the area assessed in the <i>Report on ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Cleveland National Forest Electric Safety and Reliability Project San Diego County, California</i>. No known hazardous materials sites are located in the requested refinement areas. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to public health and safety as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management:</p> <p>The requested refinements will be located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and are consistent with 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 identified impact to fire and fuels management.</p>			

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
<p>Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., result in increased levels of turbidity, introduce contaminants, deplete groundwater supplies, or degrade water quality)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Hydrology and Water Quality:</p> <p>The requested 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 surveys that were conducted for the Project. A supplemental survey of the refinement areas was conducted in 2018 to cover the non-surveyed portion and verify site conditions. The requested refinements do not contain any waters of the state and/or U.S. under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Although Pine Valley Creek is located approximately 80 feet east of the refinement areas, impacts to the creek will be avoided, and no additional jurisdictional water permitting will be required. To minimize potential impacts from erosion and off-site sedimentation during construction, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for C440 and C442 will be updated with the refinement areas upon approval of this request. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to hydrology and water quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:</p> <p>In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of C442 were notified of construction activities, and the property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement areas 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 refinement areas 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 and Cleveland National Forest Land Management Plan land use zones that were 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 identified significant impact to land use as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			

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
<p>Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise:</p> <p>Additional construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement areas due to additional vegetation clearing. Although vegetation clearing will result in minor increases in noise levels for the localized area, this activity will be short term and temporary, and no additional sensitive receptors will be affected. With implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to noise as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities:</p> <p>The requested refinements are consistent with the public services and utilities analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, and will not require new or expanded 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 identified significant impact to public services and utilities as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation:</p> <p>The requested refinement areas are located near the Noble Canyon Trailhead and the Pine Creek Road Pathway and Phantom Trails, similar to the approved C442 alignment. Although construction vehicles will use Pine Creek Road to access the refinement areas, direct access to and parking at these recreational facilities will be maintained during construction. Therefore, use of the refinement areas will not reduce or preclude access or visitation to these recreational areas, nor will it increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas, consistent with the Final EIR/EIS. In conclusion, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to recreation.</p>			

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
<p>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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:</p> <p>The requested refinements will not require additional or different types of construction vehicles and equipment than those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS for construction of the approved Project. In addition, the total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and use of the refinement areas will affect the same roadways analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS, including Old Highway 80 and Pine Creek Road. Therefore, use of the refinement areas will not create additional impacts to the existing levels of service (LOS)⁴. In conclusion, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to transportation and traffic.</p>			

⁴ Pine Creek Road has an LOS of A through C and Old Highway 80 has an LOS of A through D.

ATTACHMENT B: PHOTOGRAPHS



**Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects
Minor Project Refinement Request #13
Attachment B: Photographs**



Photograph 1:

Northeast-facing view of the new location for Pole P178040 and the expanded temporary pole work area, as observed on February 1, 2018. The green lines delineate the proposed temporary pole work area limits.

ATTACHMENT C: SURVEY AREA MAP







VEGETATION

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES



Attachment C: Survey Area Map
C442 Map 1 of 1

Cleveland National Forest
Power Line Replacement Projects

Approved Design

-  Temporary Pole Work Area
-  Removal
-  New Steel Pole
-  Wood-to-Steel Replacement
-  Construction-Only Access Road
-  Navigation Access Road

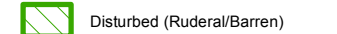
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-  Temporary Pole Work Area
-  New Steel Pole

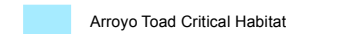
Biological/Hydrological Survey Area by Year

-  Baseline
-  2018

Vegetation

-  Disturbed (Ruderal/Barren)

Critical Habitat

-  Arroyo Toad Critical Habitat

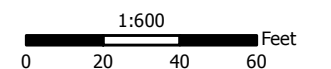
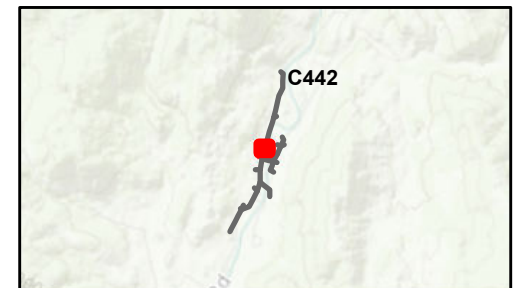
Cultural Survey Areas by Year

-  2008
-  2011

Hydrological Resources

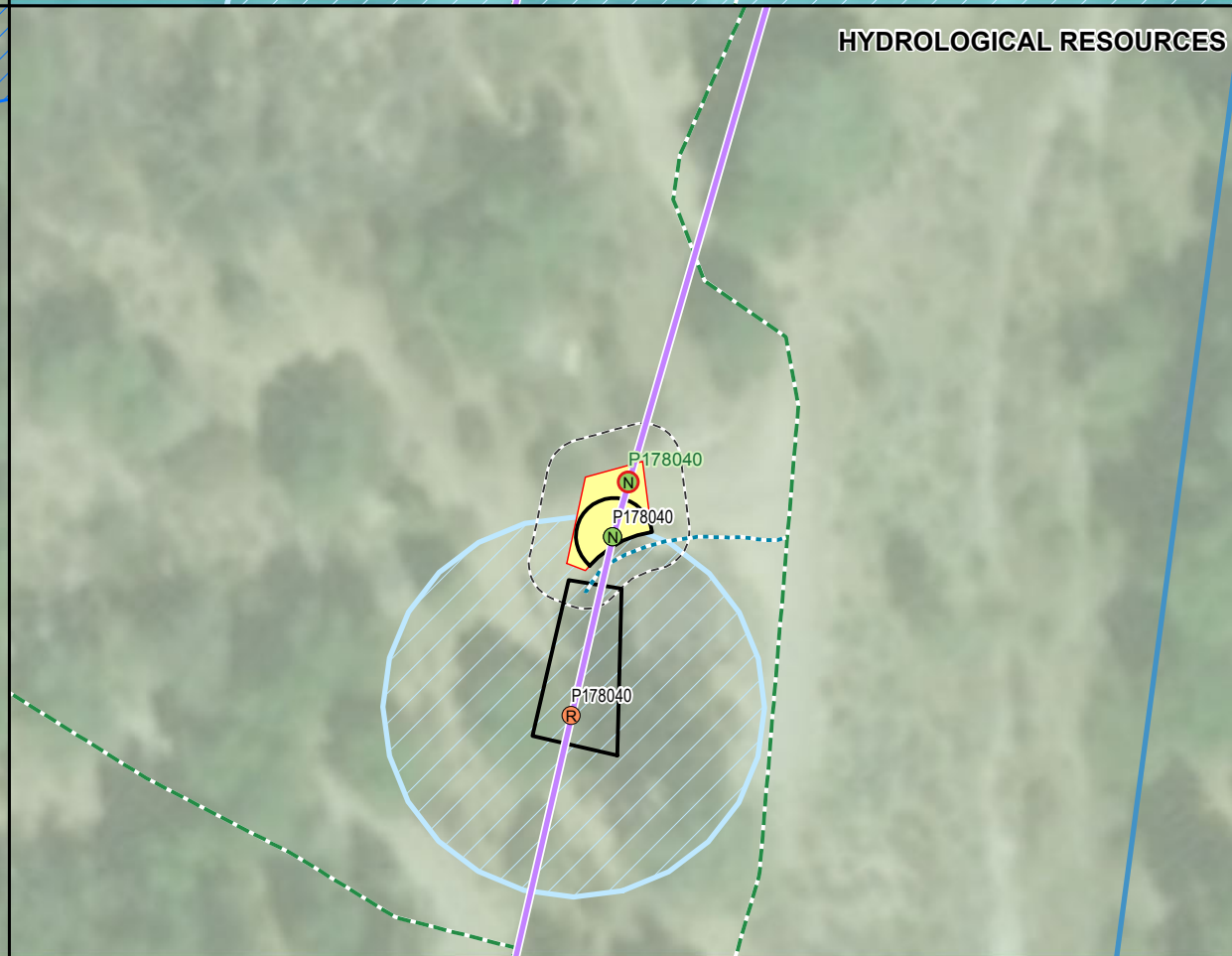
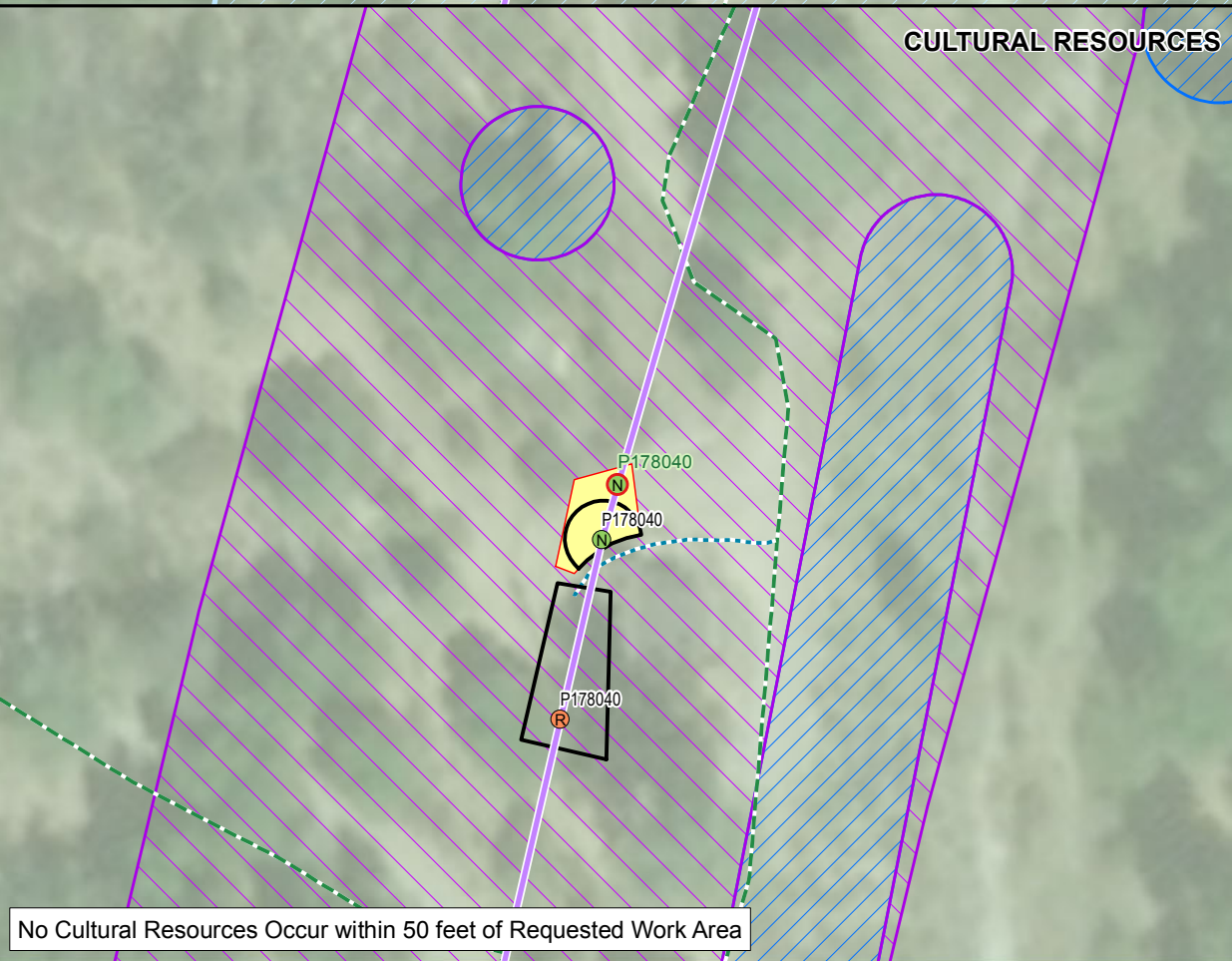
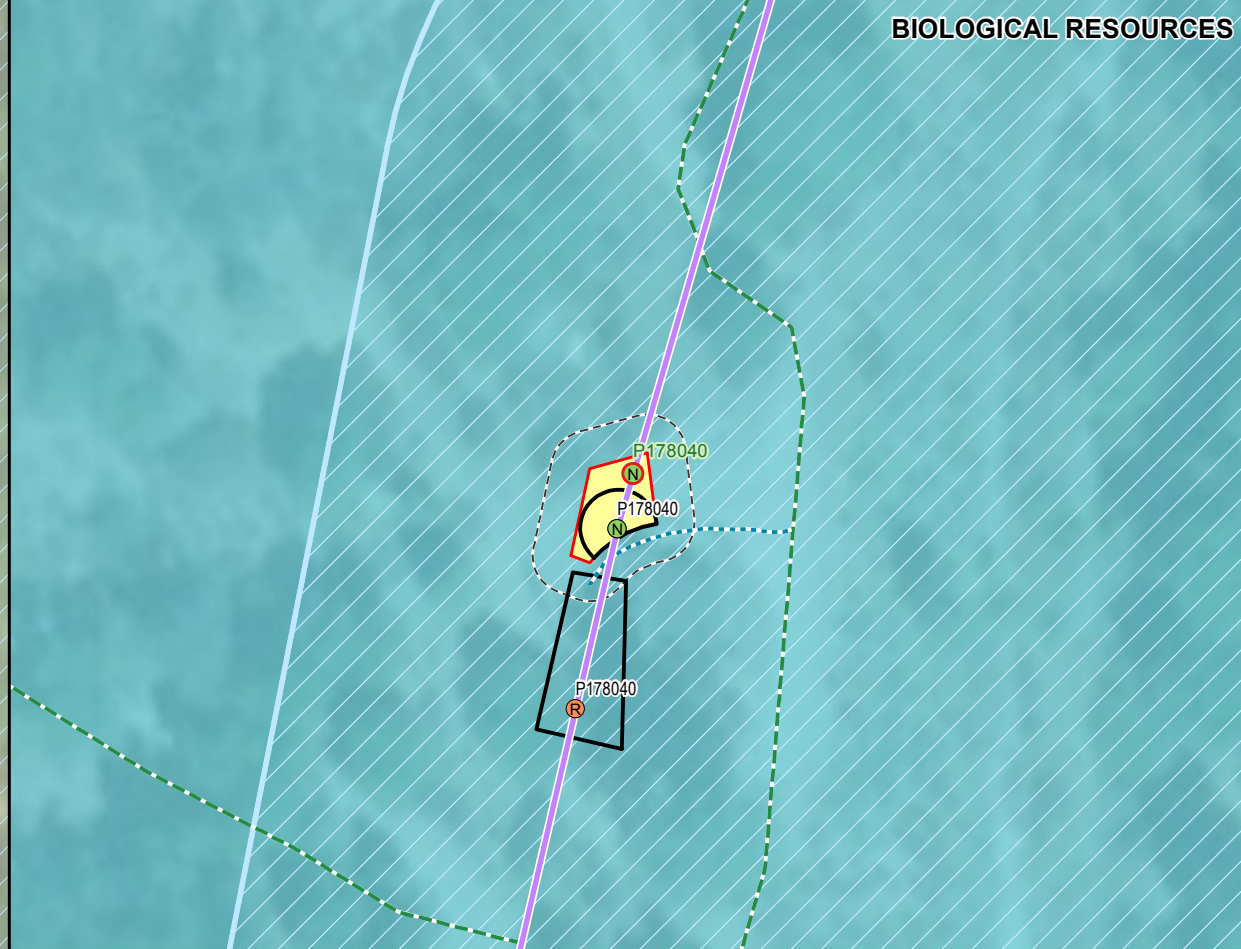
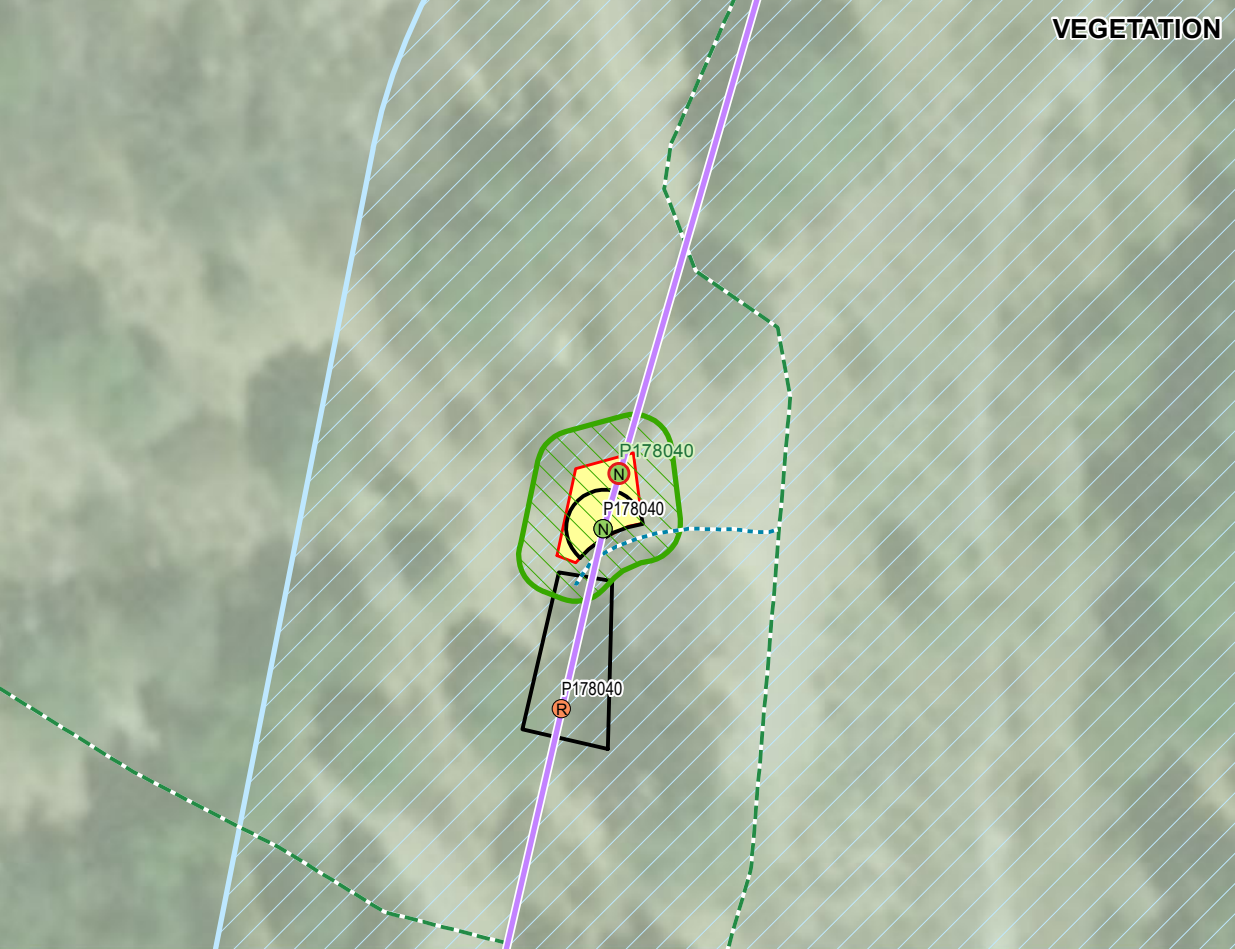
-  Stream

-  U.S. Forest Service



CULTURAL RESOURCES

HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCES



No Cultural Resources Occur within 50 feet of Requested Work Area