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D.3	D.3-5	4	The text presents Interim VRM classes for BLM lands in the vicinity of the Proposed Project. Briefly describe whether Interim classes were developed for this project or by the BLM for BLM lands in the Field Office.
D.3	Figures D.3-15B, D.3-17B, D.3-38C		KVP 14: Visual Simulation, KVP 16: Visual Simulation, and KVP 36: Visual Simulation. The soil color selected for the new access road is too light, which overemphasizes the color contrast of the new road. The highly visible access road as shown in the simulation would be temporary, as the strong line and color contrasts would be mitigated by revegetation. In the event there is no revegetation, the natural revegetation would occupy the cleared roadway, significantly softening contrasts. Typical transmission line access roads (long-term) are visible as a lightly-used two-track road. It should be disclosed that the visual impact of the new access road is temporary, or the simulated access road should be replaced with a two-track road.
D.3	D.3-109, D.3-117	2, 2	The visual impact is overstated for the proposed transmission line as viewed from KVP's 14 and 16. The new pole structures would repeat elements found in the existing landscape, which includes an existing transmission line. The new pole structures would be set back at a distance too far from SR 79 to block any portion of the view, as the structures are small in scale relative to other landscape features; therefore, view blockage is low. There is no significant sky-lining of the poles because hills form a backdrop that is higher in elevation than the poles as seen from the highway. The very small portion of the new poles that extends above the horizon for some structures would be unnoticeable for many viewers. In addition, textural and color variations of the background of rolling hills provide some screening for the poles. The contrast of the poles with the landscape would be low.
			The scale of the structures is small relative to the surrounding landscape elements, and so would be subordinate rather than co-dominant. Because the character of the landscape would not be degraded from the introduction of the poles into the landscape, and the overall visual change would be low. Impacts V-17 and V-19 for KVPs 14 and 16 should be changed to Class III, as the impact is less than significant.

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D.3	D.3-121, D.3-139, D.3-241, D.3-254, D.3-268	2, 2, 1, 2, 3	The visual impact is overstated for the proposed transmission line as viewed from KVPs 17, 21, 32, 34, and 36. The new pole structures would repeat elements found in the existing landscape, which includes an existing transmission line. Individual new pole structures have a narrow profile, and lack the mass to cause any substantial view blockage; therefore, view blockage is low. Some poles are partially sky-lined. In addition, textural and color variations of the background of rolling hills provide some screening for the poles. The contrast of the poles with the landscape would be low to moderate, as color and form contrasts are low to moderate. The scale of the structures is small relative to the surrounding landscape elements, and so would be subordinate rather than co-dominant. The character of the landscape would not be degraded from the introduction of the poles into the landscape, and the overall visual change would be low to moderate. Impacts V-20, V-24, V-39, V-41, and V-44 should be changed to Class III, as the impact is less than significant.
D.3	D.3-129	2	Please Indicate whether there is an access road to the substation that would be visible or blocked by the terrain as seen from this KVP.
D.3	D.3-186	2	Despite the lengthy construction period, the impact is not permanent. Once construction activities are completed, the impact will cease regardless of any mitigation. A Class I level impact is not appropriate for construction activities. The Class I level should be changed to Class III.
D.3	D.3-192, D.3-237	2, 1	Individual new pole structures have a narrow profile relative to the overall landscape, and lack the mass to cause any substantial view blockage. In addition, the lattice structure provides numerous openings through which the background is visible, which provides some screening; therefore, view blockage is low to moderate, not moderate to high.

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