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Question BIO-08f:

Biological Resources

BIO-8 Impact areas.

f. Foot trails are not listed in impact acreages. The text on page 3-87 states that foot travel would only occur in areas already identified for temporary or permanent disturbance. If crews or monitors are moving from tower to tower, they might not always be within disturbance areas. Please indicate if there are any sites where access restrictions would make routine foot travel between disturbance areas required or likely. If so, please indicate if foot paths would require removal or trimming of vegetation or ground disturbance and provide temporary and permanent impact acreages.

Response to Question BIO-08f:

SCE has not identified any specific sites where access restrictions would make routine foot travel between disturbance areas required or likely. In addition, foot travel is not anticipated to require the removal of vegetation in order to establish a walking trail, therefore no impact acreages have been identified for temporary or permanent use. If necessary, incidental foot travel would take place on paths that would avoid dense vegetation and would be restricted in areas where Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) have been identified to avoid impacting special status biological resources (e.g., riparian vegetation, special status wildlife burrows, special status plants, etc.).

SCE proposes the following APM related to foot trails:

BIO-XX: In areas where foot travel is necessary outside of already identified temporary or permanent disturbance areas. Biological Monitors, present in areas as required by APM BIO-2, would assist construction crews in determining the most appropriate foot path having the least potential to disturb sensitive biological resources.