



CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	08-14-17	Request #:	008
Date Approval Required:	08-28-17	Landowner:	XXX; XXX
APN:	XXX-XXX-XX and 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 type="checkbox"/> Drawing
Identify source (mitigation measure, project description, etc.):			
<p>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.4 TL682 Route Map for the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project), which depicted approved staging and fly yards. Pages B-45 and B-46 of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) state that the Project's staging yards will be used for storage and preparation of construction materials, including replacement poles, conductors, and construction equipment before delivery to the individual pole work areas; and the Project's fly yards will be used for helicopter take-off and landing, pole and equipment temporary storage, pole assembly, and fueling. The information in this Minor Project Refinement (MPR) request form discusses the addition of one staging/fly yard (Mendenhall Fly Yard) along Transmission Line (TL) 682. A brief description and justification of the refinement is provided on page 2 of this MPR request.</p>			
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 C: Photographs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps (See Attachment B: 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 refinement is 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. However, the refinement area occurs outside of the baseline survey area. As a result, supplemental hydrology, biological, and cultural resources surveys were conducted in 2017. 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 2017 survey areas are depicted in Attachment B: Survey Area Map.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(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):							
<p>Staging and fly yard requirements were described in the Project's Final EIR/EIS, and are associated with work required for wood-to-steel pole conversion and conductor installation along TL682. As part of this MPR request, SDG&E proposes to add Mendenhall Fly Yard, which is depicted in Attachment B: Survey Area Map and Attachment C: Photographs. The requested Mendenhall Fly Yard is located within a paved parking lot and will be accessed using a paved navigation road from State Route 76. The requested yard is located west of Lake Henshaw in northern San Diego County and is approximately 1.04 acres. Because the yard is paved, no improvements (i.e., grading/vegetation removal) will be needed. The requested yard will be used for approximately 18 months. All activities associated with the yard will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS for helicopter activities (i.e., take-off, landing, and refueling) and the storage and preparation of construction materials and equipment.</p>							
Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed):							
<p>The Mendenhall Fly Yard is being requested to provide a helicopter landing zone in closer proximity to the TL682 alignment, which will reduce the length of flights to certain parts of the alignment during construction. In addition, the fly yard will add another refueling area along the line. The addition of the Mendenhall Fly Yard will help provide the adequate space needed for helicopter operations and refueling along TL682 during construction, as well as additional staging and storage space for construction materials and equipment.</p>							
Date refinement is expected to be implemented:				08-29-17			
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

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RESOURCE EVALUATION

The requested refinement was evaluated to verify that it 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 (CEQA) 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	Not Applicable
<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 evaluation¹: 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 Visual Resources:</p> <p>The requested refinement occurs adjacent to State Route (SR-) 76, which is an eligible state scenic highway; however, temporary use of the refinement will not affect the eligibility of the highway for future designation. Although the refinement includes no ground disturbance, there may be temporary visual impacts due to the presence of equipment. The use of the refinement area is consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, and any temporary impacts to the visual character of the area will be reduced with implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02. Further, the refinement area is located approximately 1.5 miles south of the only identified scenic vista for Transmission Line (TL) 682 (the Henshaw Scenic Vista), and will not significantly impact existing views of Lake Henshaw. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified 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 area (e.g., the type of equipment used and the number of truck trips) are consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS. The closest sensitive receptor is located within 900 feet of the refinement area. Despite no ground disturbance occurring, the localized area may experience a minor increase in air quality impacts due to the use of equipment and vehicles. However, with implementation of APM AIR-01 and APM AIR-04, the requested refinement will</p>			

¹ 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	Not Applicable
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>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 refinement area was not initially surveyed during the Project permitting phase, but it was surveyed in 2017 to determine if sensitive biological resources occur within or adjacent to the refinement area. No special-status plant or wildlife species or other biological resource issues were identified during the supplemental survey of the refinement area. Because the refinement area is paved (i.e., Urban and Developed/Ornamental Landscaping) and no ground disturbance is proposed, no impacts to native vegetation will occur. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to biological resources.</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 refinement area occurs outside of the Project’s indirect Area of Potential Effect (APE), as defined in the Project’s Programmatic Agreement, so it was not surveyed during the Project permitting phase. The yard is an existing paved lot located immediately adjacent to SR-76. The proposed activities will be consistent with the existing land use (i.e., parking for vehicles and equipment), and no ground disturbance is proposed. Therefore, an adjustment to the APE is not required because there is no potential for adverse impacts. A supplemental, intensive pedestrian survey of the refinement area was conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2017. No new cultural resources were recorded, and no previously recorded cultural resources were identified. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in impacts to any historic properties, and will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified potential impact to cultural resources.</p> <p>No ground disturbance is proposed during the use of the requested refinement. Therefore, additional paleontological monitoring will not be required, and the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified potential impact to paleontological resources.</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	Not Applicable
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:</p> <p>Activities associated with construction and utilization of the requested refinement area are consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. The amount of heavy equipment utilized or the number of trips needed to complete construction will not change from what was contemplated in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, no ground disturbance is proposed during the use of the requested refinement. Therefore, use of the refinement area will not exceed the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year or exceed the County of San Diego’s Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grading and land clearing. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to GHG emissions.</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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Health and Safety:</p> <p>The requested refinement occurs 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>. There are no known hazardous materials sites located in the requested refinement area. Additionally, the closest privately owned airport (Loma Madera Ranch Airport) is located more than four miles southwest. Temporary helicopter operations are not expected to interfere with air traffic patterns and are consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement 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.</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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management:</p> <p>The requested refinement is located within a Moderate Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which is 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 area will be managed in compliance with the Project’s Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. Therefore, the requested refinement 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	Not Applicable
<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: 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 Hydrology and Water Quality:</p> <p>The refinement area was not surveyed during the Project permitting phase, but it was surveyed for jurisdictional wetlands and non-wetland waters in a supplemental survey that was conducted in 2017. No jurisdictional wetlands or non-wetland waters of the United States and State were identified in the refinement area at the time of the survey. There is a jurisdictional wetland located approximately 650 feet southwest of the refinement, and Lake Henshaw is located approximately 600 feet east of the refinement; however, impacts to the wetland and lake will be avoided, and no additional jurisdictional water permitting will be required. Upon approval of this request, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Phase I of TL682 will be updated with the refinement area. Therefore, the requested refinement 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.</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: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse ²</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:</p> <p>In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and Mitigation Measure (MM) LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of TL682 were notified of construction activities. The property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement were included in that notification process. In addition, the proposed activities within the refinement area will be consistent with the existing land use analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS, and will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to land use.</p>			
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise:</p> <p>Noise impacts from construction activities associated with the refinement area will be the same as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS, including impacts from intermittent and temporary helicopter operations. As discussed previously in the Air Quality section, the closest sensitive receptor is located within 900 feet of the refinement area, which is a similar distance to what was analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS for other staging and fly yards. With the implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to noise.</p>			

² SDG&E's proposed work on Circuit 157 is considered adverse and unavoidable under the National Environmental Policy Act and significant and unmitigable under CEQA (Class I).

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	Not Applicable
<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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities:</p> <p>The refinement is 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 refinement 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.</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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation:</p> <p>Although the requested refinement area is located in a parking lot adjacent to a recreational facility (Lake Henshaw), use of the refinement area will not substantially reduce or preclude access or visitation to the lake or increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas. As shown in Attachment B: Survey Area Map, the northeast portion of the paved lot will be reserved for boat ramp access and parking for the recreational facility. Therefore, the requested refinement is consistent with the Final EIR/EIS analysis and will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to recreation.</p>			
<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 (Class III)/Not 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 total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and the refinement will affect the same roadways analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS, such as SR-76. As a result, the existing level of service (LOS) for SR-76 (LOS B) and the traffic flow are not anticipated to be adversely impacted due to the use of the refinement area. This is consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement 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>			








ATTACHMENT B: SURVEY AREA MAP

VEGETATION

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

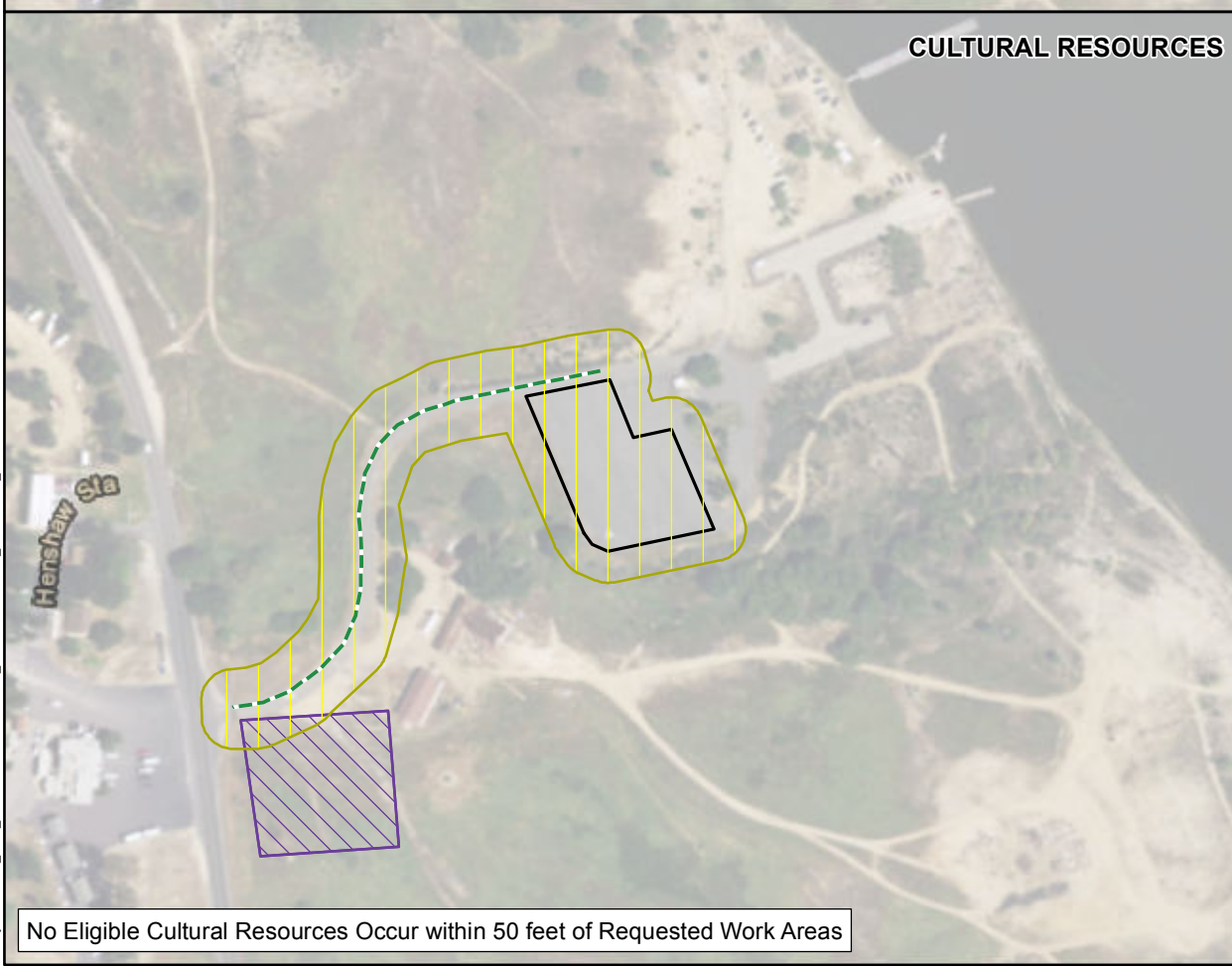
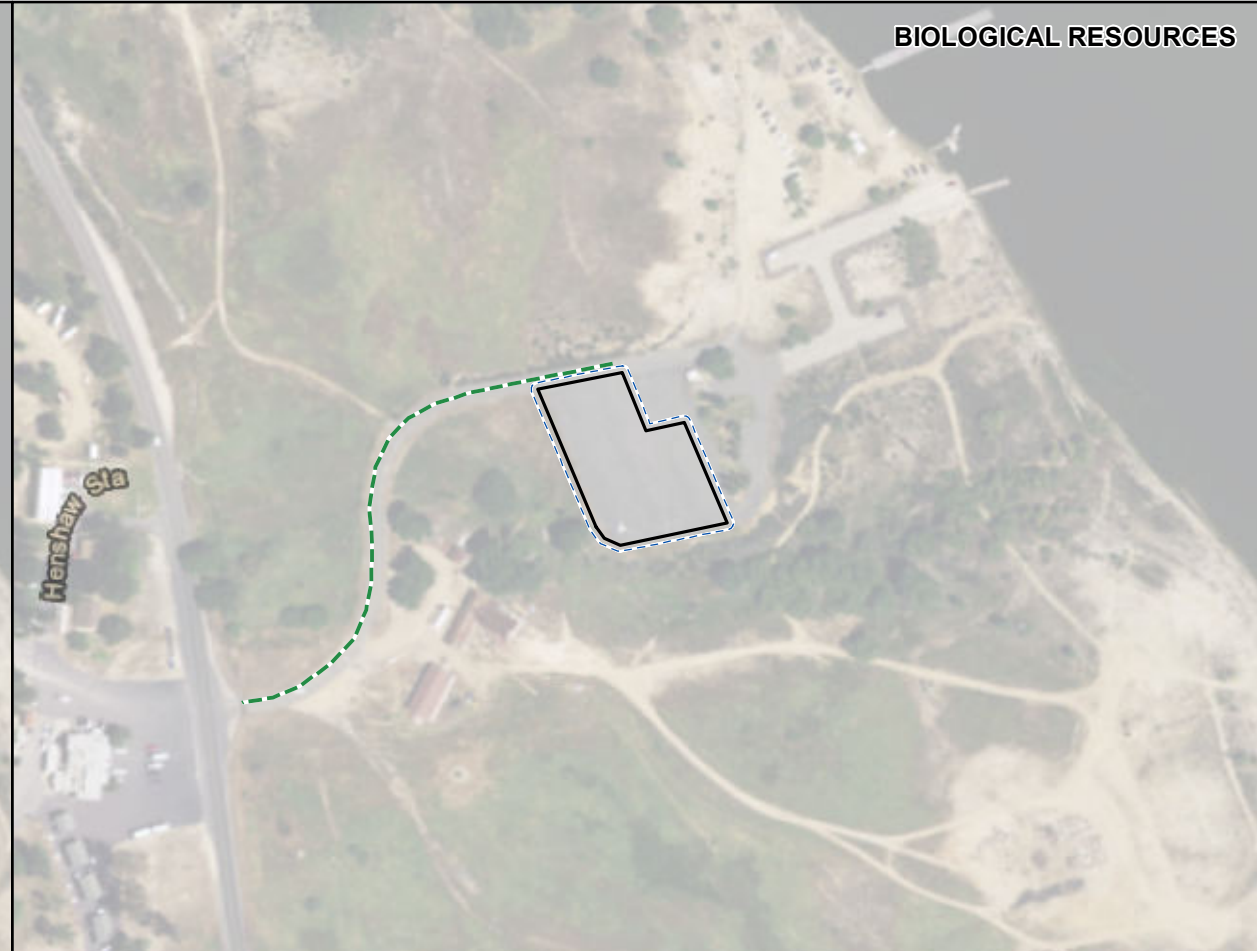
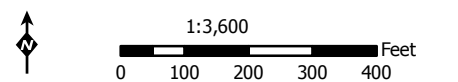
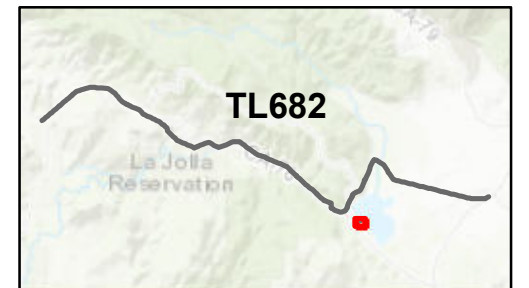
Attachment B: Survey Area Map
TL682 Map 1 of 1

Cleveland National Forest
Power Line Replacement Projects

-  MPR #8 Mendenhall Fly Yard
-  Navigation Road
- Vegetation**
-  Urban and Developed/Ornamental Landscaping
- Cultural Survey Areas by Year**
-  2011
-  2017
- Biological/Hydrological Survey Areas by Year**
-  2017
- Hydrological Resources**
-  Wetland

CULTURAL RESOURCES

HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCES



ATTACHMENT C: PHOTOGRAPHS



A  Semptra Energy utility

Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects
Minor Project Refinement Request #8
Attachment C: Photographs



Photograph 1:
Southeast-facing view of the requested Mendenhall Fly Yard, as observed on July 28, 2017.



Photograph 2:
Northwest-facing view of the requested Mendenhall Fly Yard, as observed on July 28, 2017.



Photograph 3:

North-facing view
of the requested
Mendenhall Fly
Yard, as observed
on July 28, 2017.