



CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	06-28-19	Request #:	037
Date Approval Required:	07-09-19	Landowner:	XXX
APN:	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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other			
Identify source (mitigation measure, project description, etc.):			
<p>Notice to Proceed request #20/Minor Project Refinement (MPR) request #26 for Transmission Line (TL) 629A of the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project) was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and United States Forest Service on April 19, 2019. Since this approval, the existing Merrigan Staging Yard has reached capacity and more room is needed to park personal vehicles and store materials; therefore, a small expansion into an adjacent non-Project-related staging yard is being requested. 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 type="checkbox"/> Photos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps (See Attachment B: Comparison Map)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<p>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).</p>			
<p>(a) Is the proposed refinement outside the geographic boundary of the EIR/EIS study area?</p> <p>The requested refinement is located within the geographic boundary of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study (EIR/EIS) study area, which is depicted in Figure ES-1 Regional Overview Map in the Final EIR/EIS. The refinement does not occur within the baseline biological, hydrological, or cultural survey areas; however, the refinement will occur within an existing, developed staging yard. Therefore, supplemental biological and hydrological surveys are not necessary. A supplemental cultural resources survey was conducted in 2016. Additional details regarding biological, hydrological, and cultural resources are provided in each applicable resource section in Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>(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?</p> <p>A discussion of changes in significant impacts due to the requested refinement is based on criteria used in the Final EIR/EIS and is resource area-specific. The changes to each resource area are fully analyzed in Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>(c) Does the proposed refinement conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy?</p>	<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>As depicted in Attachment B: Comparison Map, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) requests to expand the Merrigan Staging Yard east into the existing, developed staging yard for SDG&E's Fire Risk Mitigation Initiative (FiRM) Project, which is located adjacent to the Merrigan Staging Yard. The expansion will cover approximately 0.93 acre. The expansion will generally be used for personal vehicle parking, but minor materials storage may occur as well. No additional ground disturbance will be required, but improvements will include moving fences to encompass the expansion within the Merrigan Staging Yard and moving FiRM Project materials outside of the expansion. The expansion will be accessed via the existing construction-only access road to the Merrigan Staging Yard, and is anticipated to be used for approximately 12 months. The activities associated with the utilization of the expansion will be consistent with the project description provided in the Final EIR/EIS for staging yards.</p>					
Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed):					
<p>With the start of construction on TL629A, the existing Merrigan Staging Yard has reached capacity with equipment and materials and there is little to no room to park vehicles during morning tailboards or to park personal vehicles that are not used along the right-of-way. Currently, the FiRM Project is not utilizing part of its existing yard. Therefore, expansion into the FiRM Project yard will provide additional area for parking without creating additional impacts.</p>					
Date refinement is expected to be implemented:				07-10-19	
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 checked="" 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 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
<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: 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 refinement will be consistent with the visual resource analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and will not impact scenic vistas or substantially affect existing views from eligible State Scenic Highways (i.e., State Route [SR-] 79) and County of San Diego Scenic Routes (i.e., Old Highway 80). No additional impacts to the visual character of the area will occur as the refinement area is an existing staging yard. Therefore, the requested refinement 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 utilization of the requested refinement area (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 area is 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. With the implementation of applicant-proposed measure (APM) AIR-01 through APM AIR-05, use of the refinement area will not expose nearby sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations, which 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 analyzed impact to air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</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	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 area was not surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities or special-status plant and wildlife species during initial Project surveys; however, the refinement area is an existing, developed SDG&E yard with no biological resources located within the site, so supplemental biological surveys are not necessary. Because the refinement area is developed and no ground disturbance is proposed, no impacts to native vegetation will occur. In addition, no special-status plants, special-status butterfly host plants, United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated critical habitat, or U.S. Forest Service occupied habitat occur within the requested refinement. 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 refinement 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.</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 area occurs within the Project’s area of potential effect, as defined in the Project’s Programmatic Agreement. The refinement area was not surveyed for cultural resources during initial surveys for the Project, but an intensive supplemental pedestrian survey of the refinement area was conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2016. No new cultural resources were recorded, and no previously recorded cultural resources were identified during this survey. Therefore, the requested refinement 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.</p> <p>The requested refinement is underlain by geological formations assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 2 (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 refinement 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.</p>			

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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>	<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 the utilization of the requested refinement area are consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the requested refinement will result in an increase in ground disturbance, and 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 refinement 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.</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>. No known hazardous materials sites are located in 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 analyzed 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>	<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 the Moderate 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 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 analyzed impact to fire and fuels management as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			

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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>	<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 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; however, the refinement area is an existing, developed SDG&E yard with no jurisdictional features located within or adjacent to the site, so supplemental hydrological surveys are not necessary. Because the refinement area is enrolled in Construction General Permit coverage under an existing Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) (Waste Discharge Identification [WDID] #9 37C370183), a Change of Information for the Circuit 79A, Transmission Line (TL) 625C, and TL629A SWPPP (WDID #9 37C386349) will be filed to transfer the refinement area from the existing SWPPP. Therefore, the requested refinement 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.</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>	<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 MM LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of TL629A were notified of construction activities associated with Notice to Proceed #20 on March 18, 2019, and the property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement were included in that notification process. The requested refinement 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 refinement will not conflict with the applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project, as it is located in the same County of San Diego land use and zoning designations that were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement 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.</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
Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise: Construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement area due to vehicle operation, which is similar to the existing conditions. The refinement area is 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. With the implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, noise impacts from construction activities associated with the refinement area will be the same as those analyzed 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 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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities: The requested refinement will be 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 analyzed impact to public services and utilities as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.			
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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation: The requested refinement area is located just south of the approved TL629A alignment and the proposed Descanso Valley Pathway. Consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, use of the refinement area will not reduce or preclude access or visitation to the Descanso Valley Pathway, nor will it increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas. Therefore, the requested refinement 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.			

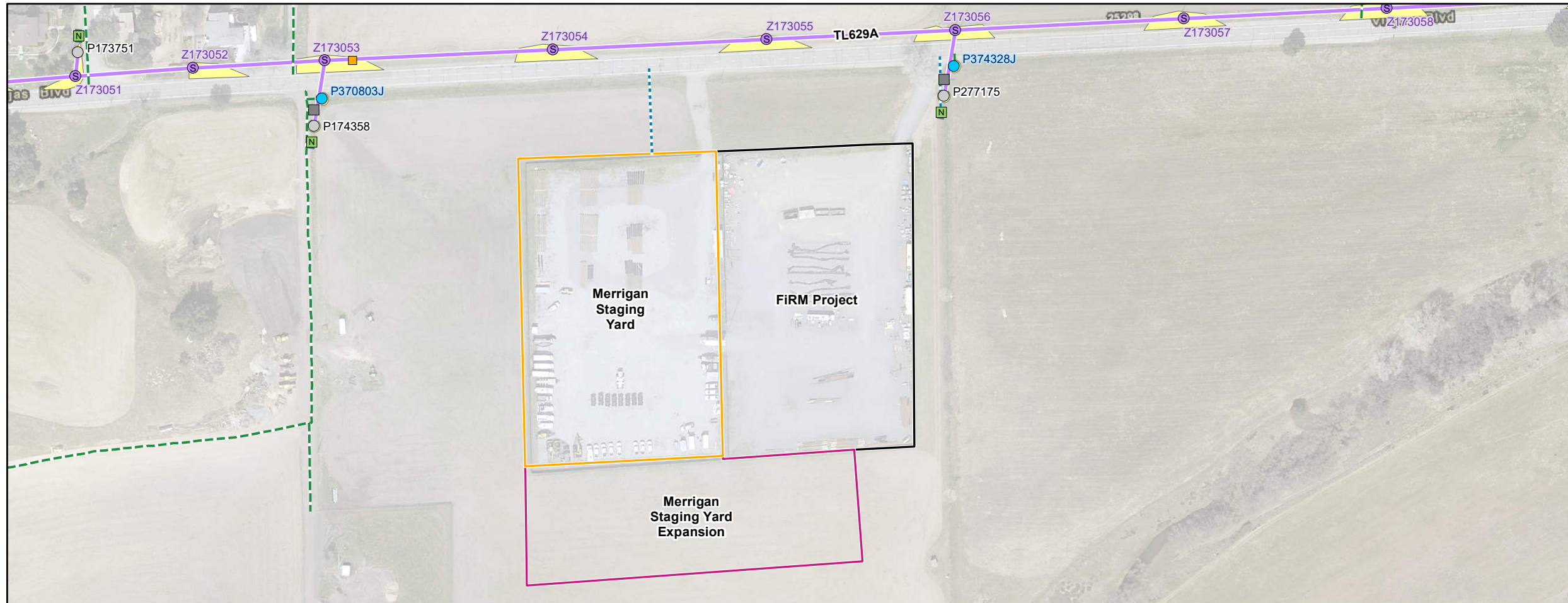
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Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
<p>Transportation and Traffic (e.g., conflict with an applicable congestion management program 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 refinement 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 area will affect the same roadways analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS (i.e., Viejas Boulevard, SR-79, and Old Highway 80). With the implementation of APM TRANS-01 through APM TRANS-05, potential temporary impacts to traffic flow and existing levels of service (LOS)² will be adequately addressed. Therefore, the requested refinement 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.</p>			

² SR-79 has an LOS of B, Old Highway 80 has an LOS of A through D, and an LOS does not exist for Viejas Boulevard.

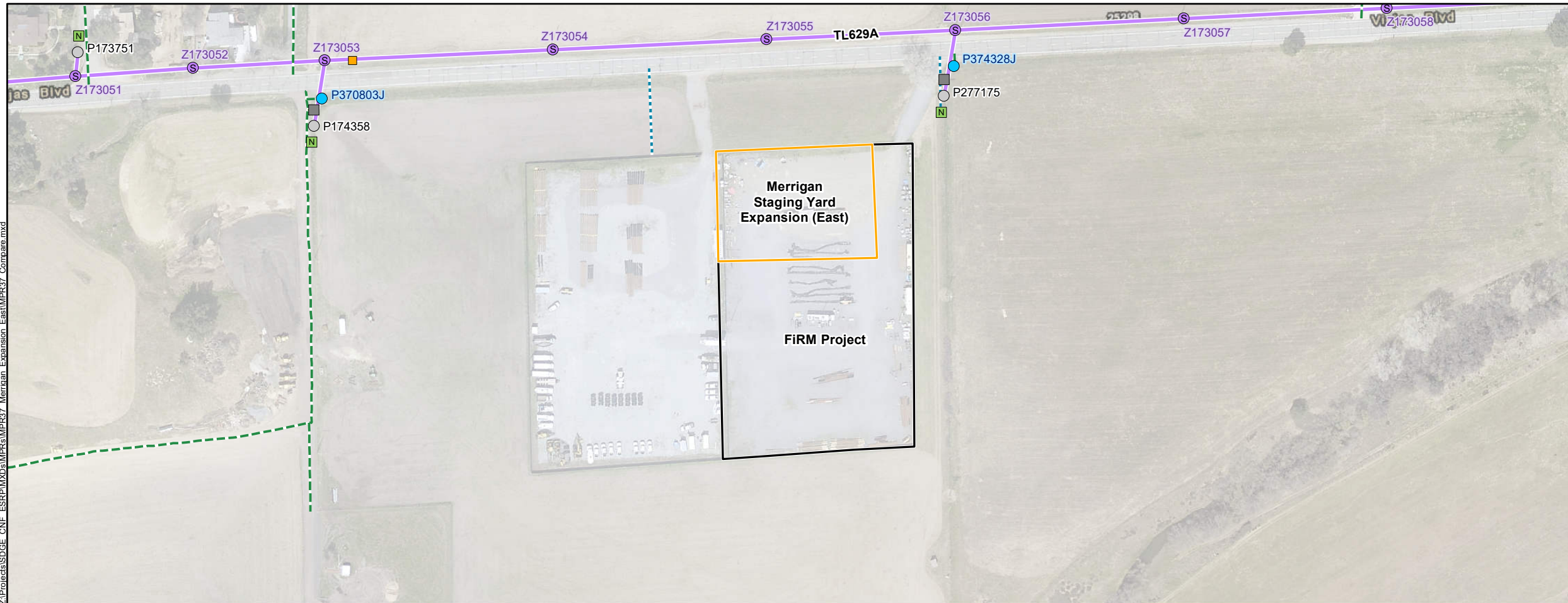
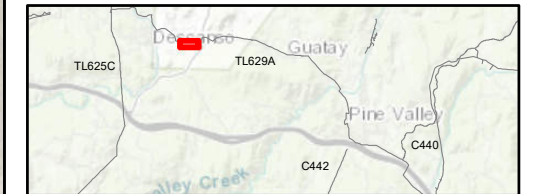
ATTACHMENT B: COMPARISON MAP

**Attachment B:
Comparison Map
TL629A Map 1 of 1**

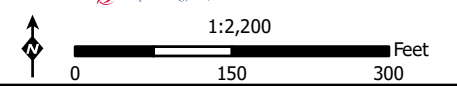
**Cleveland National Forest
Power Line Replacement Projects**



- FIRM Project**
- Staging Area
- NTP #20 / MPR #26**
- Pole Top Work Only
 - Top Pole
 - Wood-to-Steel Replacement
 - Existing Anchor
 - New Anchor Installation
 - Remove from Service Anchor
 - Construction-Only Access Road
 - Footpath
 - Navigation Access Road
 - Wood-to-Steel Replacement
 - Anchor Work Area
 - Fly Yard/Staging Area
 - Staging Area
 - Temporary Pole Work Area



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- MPR #37**
- Staging Area



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