

Group 2

1. **Please review the resource area impacts assessments for the three SEZs as a group, and provide comments or questions about the assessments for each resource.**
 - Under climate change, the assumption solar development will offsetting coal is not necessarily true in Arizona. There are some coal fired plants in New Mexico that supply Arizona. So the assumption may be true in some cases not others.
 - Cultural impacts can be avoided, but it is more than just avoiding one site because cultural resources can have meaning at a landscape scale. Brenda and Gillespie should be yes for unavoidable cultural impacts.
 - Incorporate tribes view of how temporal changes in vegetation and migratory animal communities serve as seasonal markers
 - Specify that under SEZ specific BMPs, construction crews should be educated to stay on designated roads and minimize the construction of new roads. This will avoid soil disturbance and compaction.
 - Surface water impacts should go from maybe to yes for all three SEZs
 - Recreational impacts are unavoidable at Gillespie because a road would have to be relocated
 - Paleontological impacts for all SEZs should be maybe because the site has not been inventoried
 - Specify that the table assumes something will be built. Also specify that the table assumes that avoidance measures can still be taken.
 - Socioecon-Maybe for Brenda because there was a data gap on minority conditions.
 - Agua-Caliente Sears Point is southeast and distance may be wrong
 - Better explanation of why Agua Caliente is maybe for specially designated characteristics
 - Agua Caliente for environmental justice should be maybe because more data is needed

2. Are there additional existing and relevant data, studies, or models that should be used in developing the SRMSs for the Arizona SEZs (reference list of preliminary data sources)?

- Until we have a specific development proposal we can't prioritize resources
- "Landscape" has meaning only in the context of the resource
- For any restoration or mitigation that involve adaptive management, first determine whether it is feasible to carry out the adaptive management plan. Are resources adequate?
- Adaptive management is difficult to implement because if you fail the damage cannot be undone in desert ecosystems.

3. Please share comments/thoughts regarding the BLM's process for developing a solar regional mitigation strategy (reference Process Handout). Are any key steps missing from the process?

- Emphasize adaptive management
- How do you synthesize the resource specific differences in Landscape definitions
- How do you define your area of study or area of effects

4. Are there any important stakeholders that are not represented at this workshop? What do stakeholders need in order to effectively participate?

- More tribes need to be represented
- Contact tribes very early
- Make an effort to determine the appropriate tribal members to talk to for understanding cultural resources and Native American concerns
- Federal agencies should go to the tribes
- More industry representation.