PIÑON GATHERING SYSTEM PROJECT

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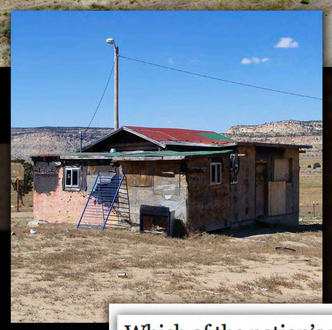
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Piñon Gathering System Project Environmental Assessment (EA) will analyze the impacts to social and economic factors in all affected communities. These include employment, housing, income, and demographics.

The EA will also disclose how the state, counties, and local communities gain revenues from property and gross receipts taxes.



Which of the nation's poorest counties are in NM?

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Two of the nation's 100 poorest counties are in New Mexico, according to a report by the Housing Assistance Corp. McKinley County came in 72nd in poverty rankings for the nation while Luna was 99th.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The BLM adheres to Executive Order 12898, a law requiring federal agencies to disclose impacts to minority and low-income populations. If the BLM's demographic analysis determines that a specific minority or low-income population is affected by the Project, impacts to that population will be analyzed in detail in the EA.

RANGE, LAND USE, VISUAL RESOURCES

Range

Disturbance associated with the proposed project would affect grazing permittees in the respective allotments. The EA will address the loss of forage and will include details on how the disturbance will be reclaimed and revegetated.

Visual Resources

The EA will include a full analysis of impacts to visual resources including short-term and long-term impacts.

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