PIÑON GATHERING SYSTEM PROJECT

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Air Resources

The Piñon Gathering System Project Environmental Assessment (EA) will address impacts to air quality and climate change from any projected emissions associated with storage and transport of crude oil as well as fugitive dust generated from project construction and traffic. Project design features and mitigation measures to minimize impacts will also be described.

Water Resources

The Piñon Gathering System Project EA will analyze any impacts to ground and surface water quality, drainages and wetlands, and riparian zones. Avoidance of disturbances to major drainages would be achieved through boring beneath identified drainages.

WILDLIFE

The Piñon Gathering System Project EA will address project impacts to natural resources and will include and described project design features or mitigation measures proposed to minimize impacts to natural resources.

Wildlife and Special Status Species

The Piñon Gathering System Project EA will analyze impacts to wildlife and special status species including those listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, State of New Mexico, and Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife.

SOIL AND VEGETATION

Soils and Erosion Controls

The EA will describe impacts to soils as well as project design features and mitigation measures for erosion control, stormwater event planning, and overall efforts to minimize erosion or sediment loading during construction and operation.

Vegetation and Noxious Weeds

The Piñon Gathering System Project EA will disclose impacts to vegetation from removal and reseeding. All reclamation woud adhere to BLM's Bare Soil Reclamation Procedures which include percent cover standards and follow-up monitoring. Additional measures would be taken to minimize the spread of noxious weeds. These measures will be described in detail in the EA.

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