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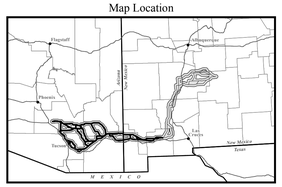
Visual Resource Management Compliance

SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT FEIS/RMPA

WESTERN AREA | EASTERN AREA

Map Location



General Reference Features

- City
- State Highway
- U.S. Highway
- Interstate
- River/Stream
- Railroad
- County Boundary
- State Boundary
- Jurisdictional Boundary
- Wilderness/Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
- Lake/Reservoir
- Continental Divide

Project Features

- Substation Site
- Alternative Transmission Line Route

Inventory Key

- Milepost Identifier
- Link Node
- Reference Centerline of Alternative Route
- Study Corridor
- Link Identifier

Resource Inventory

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)
VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES (VRM)

Class I Objective – to preserve the existing character of the landscape. This class provides for natural ecological changes; however, it does not preclude very limited management activity. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be very low and must not attract attention.

Class II Objective – to retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be low. Management activities may be seen, but should not attract the attention of the casual observer. Any changes must repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.

Class III Objective – to partially retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be moderate. Management activities may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. Changes should repeat the basic elements found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.

Class IV Objective – to provide for management activities, which require major modifications of the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape can be high. These management activities may dominate the view and be the major focus of viewer attention. However, every attempt should be made to minimize the impact of these activities through careful location, minimal disturbance, and repeating of the basic elements.

EXISTING TRANSMISSION LINE

- 115kV Transmission Line
- 138 & 161kV Transmission Line
- 230kV Transmission Line
- 345kV Transmission Line
- 500kV Transmission Line

VRM Compliance

- 1 - Compliant
- 2 - Not Compliant

Compliance Key

- Residual Impact
- Study Corridor

Sources:

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Arizona Bureau of Land Management 2009
Socorro Resource Management Plan 2009
Safford Resource Management Plan 2009
Mimbres Resource Management Plan 1993
Roswell Resource Management Plan 1997
White Sands Resource Management Plan 1986

Base Data:
United States Geological Survey, National Elevation Dataset 1999-2010
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Arizona State Land Department 2010
New Mexico Bureau of Land Management 2009
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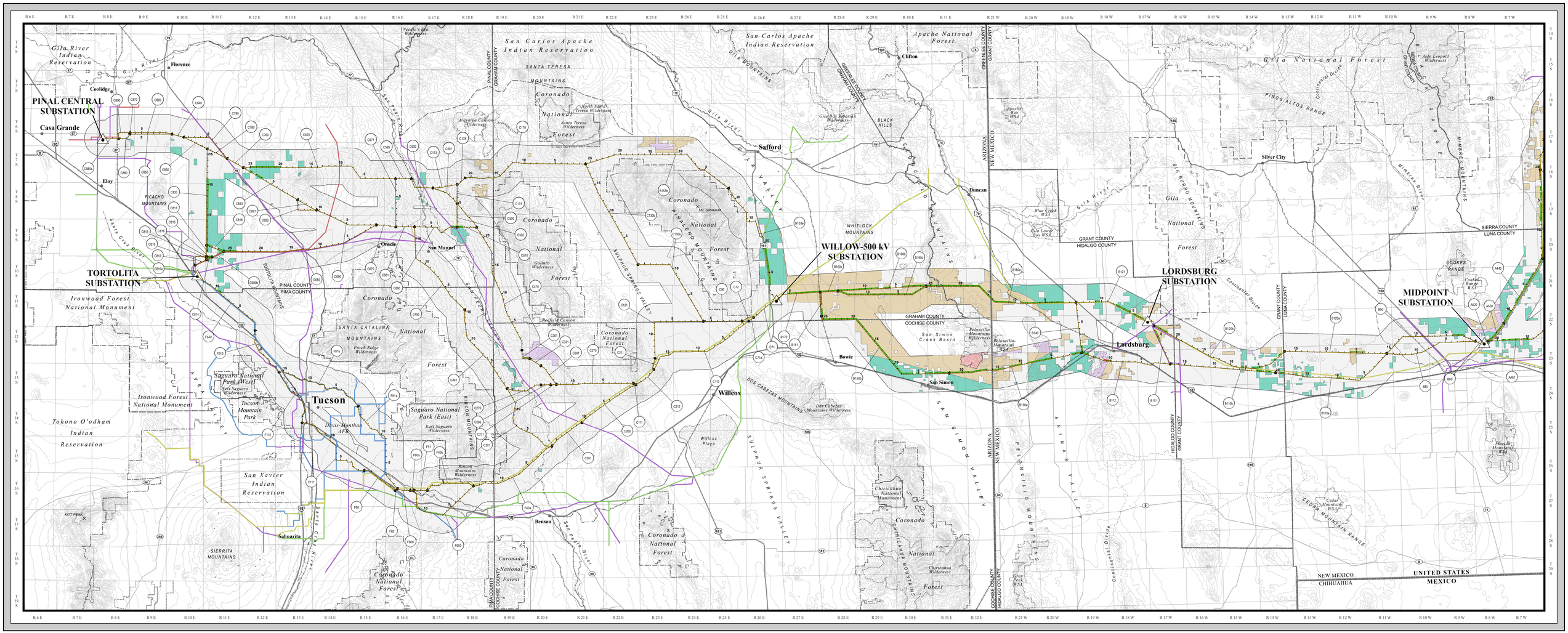
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