

EXHIBIT F – RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND ASPECTS

As stated in the Arizona Corporation Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure R14-3-Exhibit 1, the intent of this exhibit is to:

State the extent, if any, the proposed site or route will be available to the public for recreational purposes, consistent with safety considerations and regulations and attach any plans the applicant may have concerning the development of the recreational aspects of the proposed site or route.

As part of the land use inventory described under Exhibit A, existing and planned recreation facilities were researched and identified within the Study Area. One existing recreation facility was identified within the Study Area, Randolph Park, a small neighborhood park located within the Community of Randolph, Arizona. Amenities include a basketball court, tot-lot equipment, and picnic tables (Pinal County 2007). No other developed recreation facilities or parks were identified within the Study Area. Recreational opportunities in the Study Area such as equestrian use, walking, or bicycling would occur on public streets or privately owned property. The closest recreation area is Picacho Reservoir, which is approximately 3.3 miles southeast of the Project, outside of the Study Area. Recreation at Picacho Reservoir includes birding, hiking, and off-roading (Maricopa Audubon Society 2021). Additionally, the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument is located approximately 5.8 miles northwest of the Project, outside of the Study Area.

Planned future recreation facilities within the Study Area are managed by Pinal County and include planned trail corridors. As shown in Figure A-4 in Exhibit A, the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Master Plan includes multiple planned multi-use trail corridors within the Study Area, the nearest of which runs parallel along the UPRR (Pinal County 2007).

Based on the distance from the Project to current and planned recreational uses, the Project would have minimal impacts on existing and planned recreational opportunities.

References

Pinal County. 2007. Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Available at: <https://www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/OpenSpaceTrails/Documents/FINAL%20Open%20Space%20and%20Trails%20Master%20Plan.pdf>. Accessed November 2021.

Maricopa Audubon Society. 2021. Birding Picacho Reservoir, Pinal County, Arizona. Available at: <https://www.maricopaaudubon.org/birding-picachio-reservoir>. Accessed November 2021.

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