

EXHIBIT F

EXHIBIT F – RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND ASPECTS

As stated in Exhibit F of Exhibit 1 to the Rules of Practice and Procedure Before Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee:

“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.”

The following exhibits provide summaries of existing recreational opportunities, as well as the potential impacts the CEC Transmission Facilities may have on recreation. While none of the facilities will be available to the public for recreational purposes, the routes proposed would have minimal to no impacts on existing recreational resources.

Exhibit F-1	Recreational Purposes and Aspects of the Nogales Interconnection Project
Exhibit F-2	Recreational Purposes and Aspects of the Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project

Pursuant to Footnote 1 of Exhibit 1 to the Rules of Practice and Procedure Before Power Plant and Line Siting Committee, Applicants refer the Committee to the following studies for additional analysis of recreational purposes and aspects of area in the vicinity of the Nogales Interconnection Project:

- Exhibit B-1(a): PP EA (Section 3.1)
- Exhibit B-1(b): DOE Draft EA (Sections 3.6.5 and 4.6)

Exhibit F-1 – Recreational Purposes and Aspects of the Nogales Interconnection Project

No portions of the Nogales Interconnection Project would be made available to the public for recreational purposes. Recreation in Santa Cruz County occurs primarily outside of the urbanized portions of the project area. The Nogales Interconnection Project is located in the vicinity of five recreational areas: two city parks (Keno Park and Memorial Park), the Coronado National Forest, the Pajarita Wilderness, and the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. There are no preserves, designated trails, or other designated recreation sites in the vicinity of the project.

I. City Parks

No outdoor recreation likely takes place in the commercial and industrial areas in the vicinity of the project except at two City of Nogales parks: Keno Park and Memorial Park, each located east of Interstate 19 (“I-19”). These locations would not be impacted by the project as they are located approximately .8 mile south of the existing Valencia substation.

II. Coronado National Forest

Route Segments 11, 13, and 15 follow the border of the Coronado National Forest (“CNF”) for approximately .76, .48, and .65 miles, respectively. Dirt roads and trails enter and exit the forest at this boundary, under the proposed power line alignment. Public access to or use of the Coronado National Forest, however, would not be restricted.

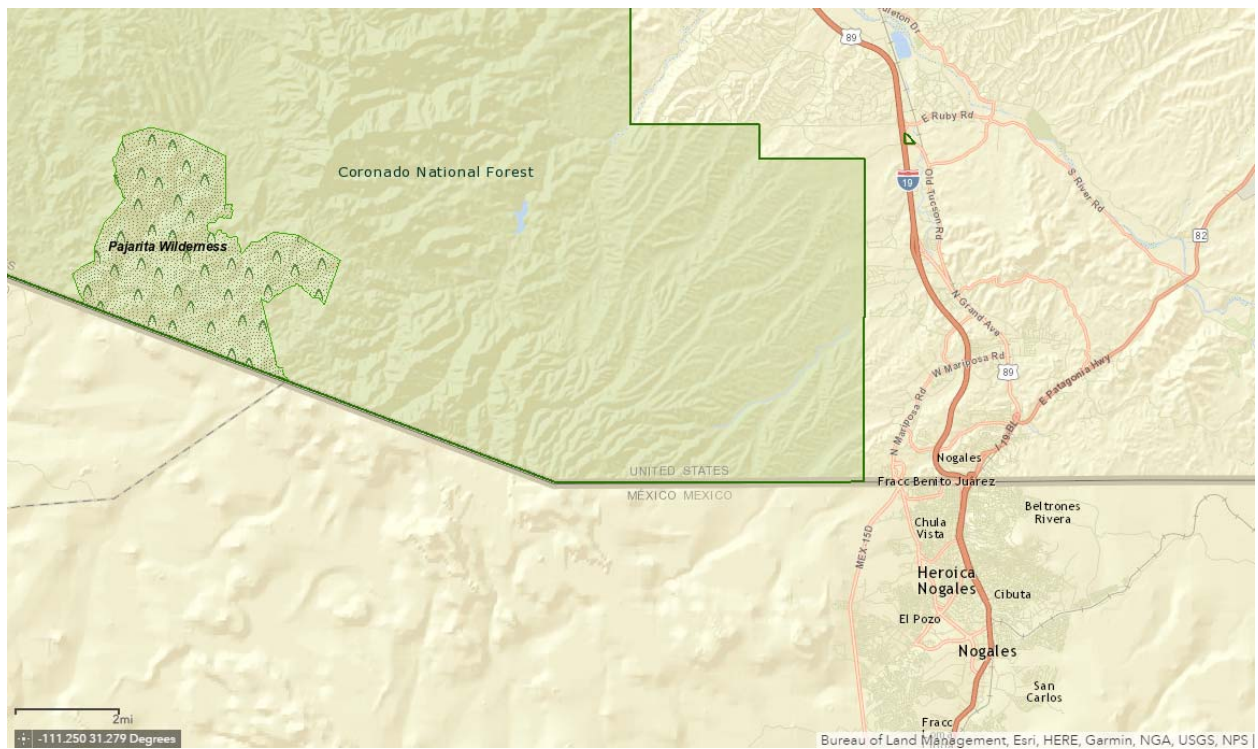
Each alternative route would cause minimal direct loss or diminishment of existing recreational values and quality to areas immediately adjacent to the project. Construction of any of the alternative routes would not be expected to permanently preclude the use of or access to any existing recreation opportunities or activities, but some short-term impacts to these resources would occur intermittently during the construction phases. For example, dispersed recreation such as hiking, hunting, birdwatching, camping, and nature study could be affected in the short-term by construction noises, visual disturbances, and/or the presence of other people. These impacts would cease at the end of construction, and recreational activities would return to their current condition. Temporary impacts to hunting opportunities can be avoided by timing construction of the project outside of the hunting seasons.

Removal of vegetation, structure placement, and conductor stringing activities during construction could have an indirect impact on adjacent recreational users, as this area does not already include existing, similar structures. However, these users are not likely expecting an entirely natural, scenic area, as the City of Nogales’ development dominates the landscape. Access roads constructed for the project would be closed to public use along the CNF, subject to the permission of the landowners.

III. Pajarita Wilderness

The Pajarita Wilderness area is the closest designated recreation area and is more than 10 miles west of the alternative routes, inside the Coronado National Forest. As a result, public access and use would not be impacted.

Figure F-1(a) – Map of Pajarita Wilderness



Data from U.S. Forest Service Enterprise Data Extract Tool, available at https://data.fs.usda.gov/geodata/webapps/EDW_DataExtract/

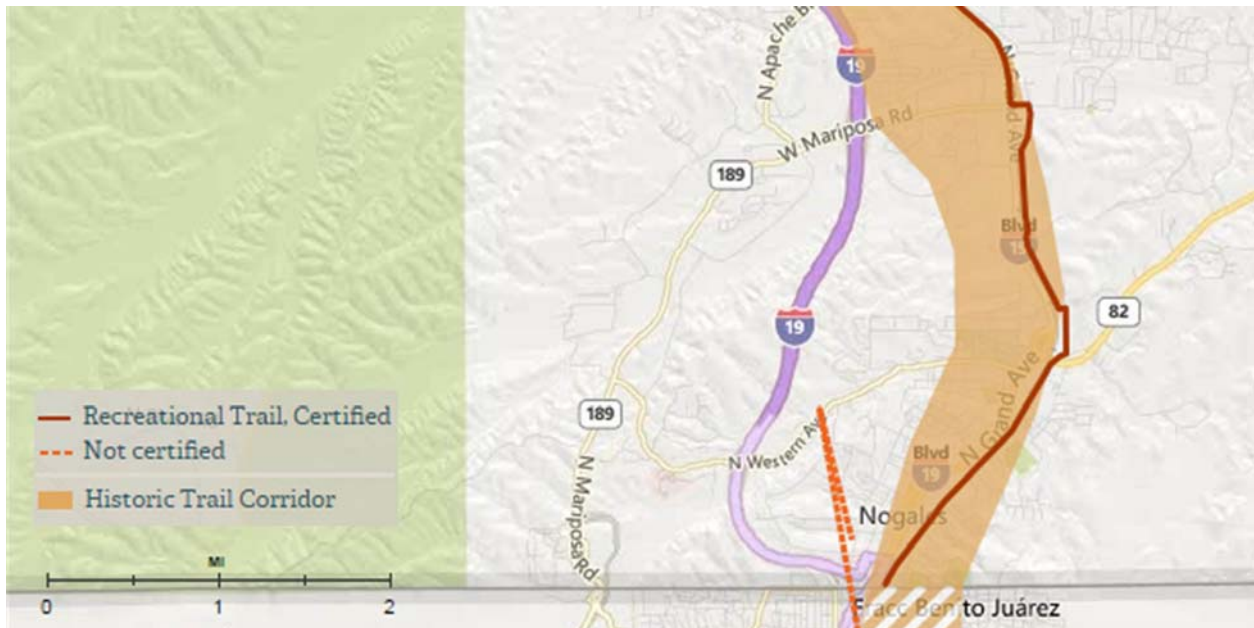
IV. Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail (“Anza Trail”) is managed by the National Park Service. The trail memorializes the 1775 expedition of Juan Bautista de Anza, who established the first overland route between Mexico and San Francisco, California. Today’s trail consists of an auto route as well as off-road segments

accessible by biking or hiking. Generally, the trail originates at the international border and heads north parallel to Nogales Wash and then follows the Santa Cruz River north through Santa Cruz and Pima Counties.

There would be no impact to the Anza Trail from construction, operation, and maintenance of the project.

Figure F-1(b) – Illustration of Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail in Vicinity of Nogales Interconnection Project



Data by OpenStreetMap under CC by SA; available at <http://www.anzahistorictrail.org/visit/explorer>.

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Exhibit F-2 – Recreational Purposes and Aspects of the Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project

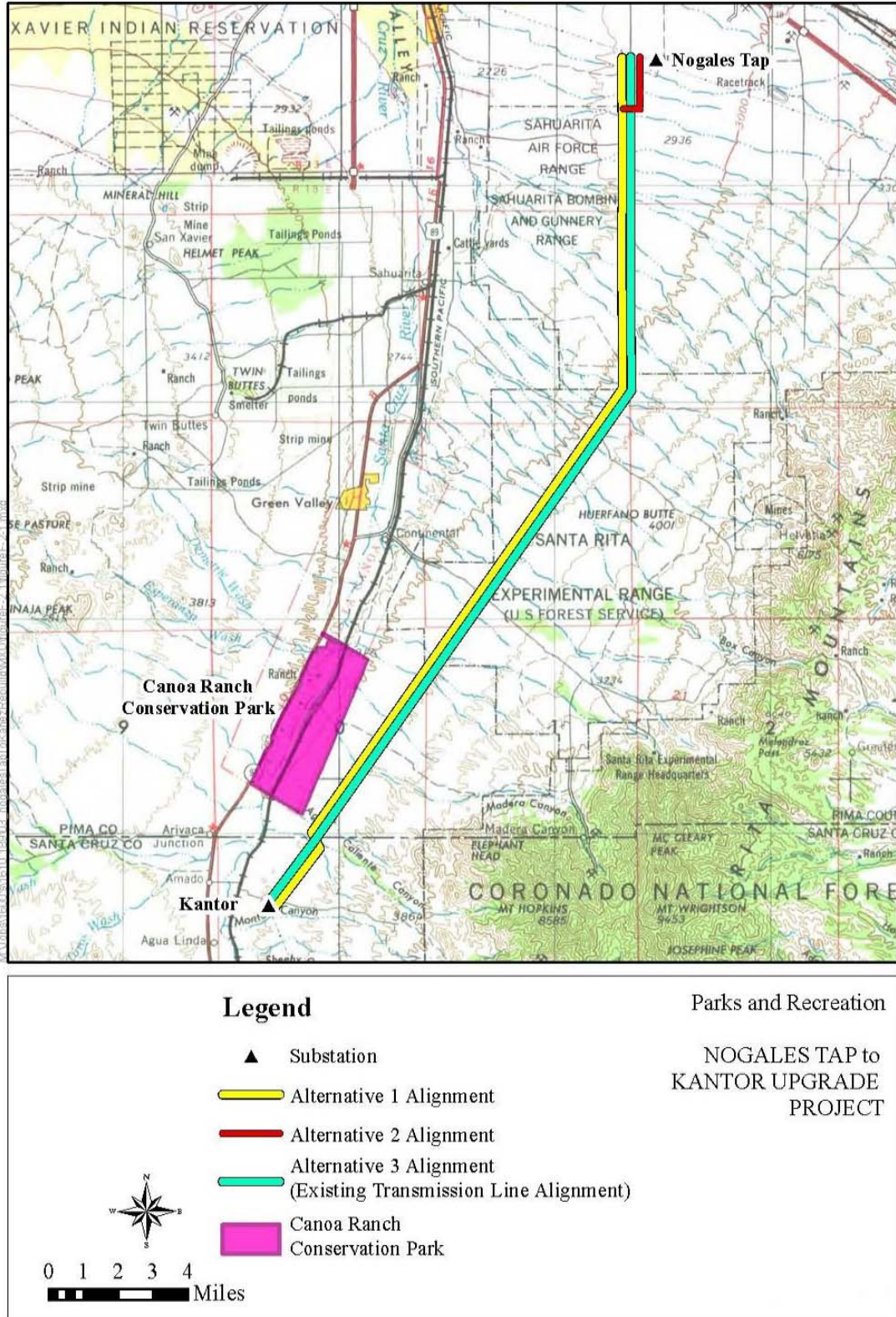
No portions of the Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project would be made available to the public for recreational purposes. Although located near the Raúl M. Grijalva-Canoa Ranch Conservation Park (“Canoa Ranch”), public use of and access to the Canoa Ranch would not be affected.

The Canoa Ranch, managed by Pima County, is located along Interstate-19 (“I-19”) near the Pima-Santa Cruz County border. Canoa Ranch was established in 1820 as a Spanish and Mexican era land grant known as “San Ignacio de la Canoa.” The conservation park was established in 2007 to protect, interpret, and enhance the cultural and natural resources of the 4,800 acre historic ranch. The closest Nogales Tap to Kantor Alternative Alignments are located three-quarters of a mile east of this park

Figure F-2(a) – View of the Existing Nogales Tap to Kantor 138-kV Transmission Line Segment Just North of the County line, Looking East from the East Edge of Canoa Ranch



Figure F-2(b) – Proximity of Canoa Ranch to Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project



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<http://www.pima.gov/cultural/>. Accessed June 9, 2017.