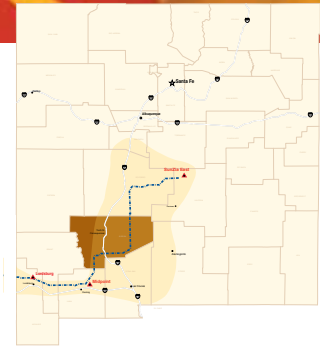


## SunZia in Sierra County













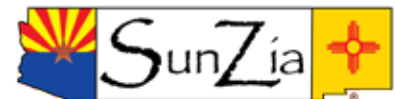
The University of Arizona and New Mexico State University identified positive economic impacts within Sierra County created by SunZia, including:

- Over 650 jobs<sup>1</sup> during construction
- Over \$50 million in estimated wages and salaries (including benefits) during construction
- Nearly \$4 million in local tax revenues during construction
- Nearly \$10 million in local property tax revenues<sup>2</sup>

Since 2007, one out of 18 jobs in New Mexico no longer exists and Sierra County's unemployment rate was 6.8 percent in 2010. Within Sierra County, SunZia will create job opportunities through construction of two transmission lines, and through SunZia's ability to foster development of local renewable energy projects. The following table presents the estimated economic contributions associated with four types of potential renewable projects<sup>3</sup> in Sierra County.

### ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS<sup>3</sup> AT A GLANCE

		 Solar PV 100MW	 Solar Thermal 160MW	 Wind 100MW	 Geothermal 50MW
<b>DURING CONSTRUCTION</b>	 Jobs <sup>1</sup>	1,255	840+	305+	350
	 Wages & Salaries	\$87 million	\$58.6 million	\$23.3 million	\$27.4 million
	 Local Tax Revenues	\$0.7 million	\$0.5 million	\$0.2 million	\$0.2 million
<b>DURING OPERATION</b>	 Jobs	12	29	8	25
	 Annual Wages & Salaries	\$0.8 million	\$1.7 million	\$0.6 million	\$1.7 million
	 Local Property Taxes <sup>2</sup>	\$18.4 million	\$30.1 million	\$9.9 million	\$9 million



## SunZia will enable delivery of Sierra County's renewable resources.

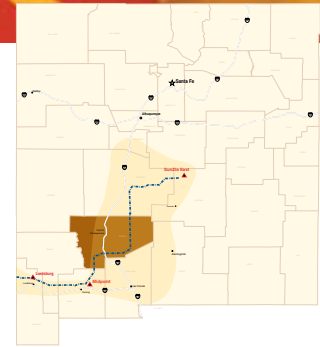
Renewable energy projects enabled by SunZia could request interconnection to SunZia at any point.

As an example of the opportunity created by SunZia and based on the table on the reverse, if the County attracts the development of 200 MW of solar PV, 160 MW of solar thermal and 50 MW of geothermal projects, then the following jobs could be created:

- **Over 3,700 construction jobs<sup>1</sup>**
- **Over 75 permanent jobs**



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“New Mexico is rich in these renewable energy resources and state and local communities stand to benefit greatly from the creation of new jobs, economic development and tax and other revenues... The Sierra County Board of Commissioners with these conditions as stated herein, endorses the construction and operation of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project in Sierra County.”  
Sierra County  
Board of Commissioners,  
SunZia Resolution 98016

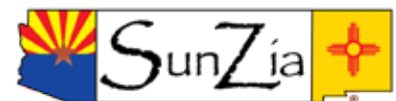
See the full Economic Impact Assessment<sup>4</sup> reports at [www.SunZia.net](http://www.SunZia.net)

<sup>1</sup> Construction jobs are measured in man-years.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated during construction and the first 5 years of operation.

<sup>3</sup> Because the number, location and type of potential renewable generation projects are unknown, the economic impact analysis analyzed four specific example projects to estimate economic contributions.

<sup>4</sup> The information presented herein is based on Scenario 2 and the route combination of Arizona Route A and New Mexico West Route (shown in the Economic Impact Assessment alignment map) within the Economic Impact Assessment report dated April 2011. Economic impact information pertaining to the potential energy generation projects is based on the Economic Impact Assessment Supplement dated April 2011.



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