

**Final Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Resource Management Plan
Amendments for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project**

- Lead Agency:** U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office
- Cooperating Agencies:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Department of the Army, Fort Bliss; Department of the Army, White Sands Missile Range; U.S. Air Force, Holloman Air Force Base; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. National Park Service; Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary (Installations and Environment); New Mexico State Land Office; New Mexico Spaceport Authority; Arizona State Land Department; Arizona Game and Fish Department; Arizona Department of Transportation; Department of the Army, Fort Huachuca; and Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Type of Action:** Two proposed 500 kV transmission lines originating at the proposed SunZia East Substation in New Mexico, and terminating at the permitted Pinal Central Substation in Arizona
- Project Location:** Federal, state, and private lands between central New Mexico and central Arizona
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- Land Use Plan Amendment Protest Period:** 30 days from the publication of the Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*

ABSTRACT

This final environmental impact statement and proposed resource management plan amendments document analyzes the impacts related to the development of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project proposed by SunZia Transmission, LLC. The company plans to construct and operate two new single-circuit overhead 500-kilovolt transmission lines originating at a new substation in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and terminating at the Pinal Central Substation in Pinal County, Arizona. The transmission line route alternatives would pass through Socorro, Sierra, Luna, Grant, and Hidalgo counties in New Mexico; and Cochise, Greenlee, Graham, and Pima counties in Arizona. Proposed new substations could also be constructed in Luna, Hidalgo, and Graham counties. The proposed transmission line route alternatives would range between approximately 460 and 530 miles in length, and would require right-of-way, crossing approximately 163 to 205 miles of BLM lands in Arizona and New Mexico. The remainder of the route would cross lands owned by state, private, or other entities. This document also includes the analysis of proposed and alternative BLM resource management plan amendments.

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