

Irreversible and Irretrievable Commitment of Resources

The proposed project would result in irreversible commitments associated with loss of vegetation and wildlife habitat for some species and potential degradation of water resources through erosion and sedimentation if not mitigated. Irretrievable commitments associated with foregone production/use of crops and rangeland, or use of the corridor for other purposes (e.g., residential use) during the life of the project would occur. The corridor could revert or change to these uses in future if the transmission facilities were dismantled.

The proposed project would use aluminum, steel, wood, gravel, sand and other non-renewable materials to construct the structures, conductors, insulators, access roads, and other facilities. Vehicles and equipment would consume petroleum-based fuels. These resources would be irreversibly and irretrievably committed.