**Definitions of Potential Impact Levels**

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| MINOR        | Adverse impacts on the affected resource(s), including:  
  - Local ecosystem health;  
  - The extent and quality of local habitat for both special-status species and species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - The richness or abundance of local species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Air or water quality; and  
  - Archaeological resource(s) could be avoided;  
  - OR measurable impacts that occur would be small and the affected resource is expected to recover completely without remedial or mitigating action  | Most adverse impacts on the affected activity or community could be avoided;  
  - Impacts would not disrupt the normal or routine functions of the affected activity or community;  
  - OR the affected activity or community is expected to return to a condition with no measurable effects without remedial or mitigating action  |
| MODERATE     | A notable and measurable adverse impact on the affected resource(s), including:  
  - Project;  
  - The extent and quality of local habitat for both special-status species and species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - The richness or abundance of local species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Air or water quality; and  
  - Archaeological resource(s) would be anticipated, some of which may be irreversible;  
  - OR the affected resource would recover completely, when remedial or mitigating action is taken  | Mitigation would reduce adverse impacts substantially during the life of the proposed Project, including decommissioning;  
  - The affected activity or community would have to adjust somewhat to account for disruptions due to notable and measurable adverse impacts of the project;  
  - OR once the impacting agent is gone, the affected activity or community is expected to return to a condition with no measurable effects, when remedial or mitigating action is taken |
| MAJOR        | A regional or population-level impact on the affected resource(s), including:  
  - Ecosystem health;  
  - The extent and quality of habitat for both special-status species and species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Air or water quality; and  
  - Archaeological resource(s) would be anticipated;  
  - AND the affected resource would not fully recover, even after the impacting agent is gone and remedial or mitigating action is taken  | Mitigation would reduce adverse impacts somewhat during the life of the proposed Project, including decommissioning;  
  - The affected activity or community would have to adjust to significant disruptions due to large local or notable regional adverse impacts of the project;  
  - AND the affected activity or community may retain measurable effects indefinitely, even after the impacting agent is gone and remedial action is taken |

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  - Improvement in ecosystem health;  
  - Increase in the extent and quality of habitat for both special-status species and species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Increase in populations of species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Improvement in air or water quality;  
  - OR limited aerial extent or short-term temporal duration of improved protection of archaeological resource(s)  | Improvement in human health;  
  - Benefits for employment;  
  - Improvement to infrastructure/facilities and community services;  
  - Economic improvement;  
  - OR benefit for tourism or cultural resources |
| MODERATE     | A notable and measurable:  
  - Improvement in local ecosystem health;  
  - Increase in the extent and quality of local habitat for both special-status species and species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Increase in individuals or populations of species common to the proposed Project area;  
  - Improvement in air or water quality;  
  - OR extensive/complete aerial extent, or long-term temporal duration of improved protection of archaeological resource(s)  | Improvement in human health;  
  - Benefits for employment;  
  - Improvement to infrastructure/facilities and community services;  
  - Economic improvement;  
  - OR benefit for tourism or cultural resources |
| MAJOR        | A regional or population-level:  
  - Improvement in the health of ecosystems;  
  - Increase in the extent and quality of habitat for both special status and commonly occurring species;  
  - Improvement in air or water quality;  
  - OR permanent protection of archaeological resource(s)  | Improvement in human health;  
  - Benefits for employment;  
  - Improvement to infrastructure/facilities and community services;  
  - Economic improvement;  
  - OR benefit for tourism or cultural resources |