

# Definitions of Potential Negative Impact Levels

Impact Level	Biological & Physical Resources	Socioeconomic Resources
<b>NEGLIGIBLE</b>	No measurable impacts	No measurable impacts
<b>MINOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most impacts on the affected resource could be avoided with proper mitigation.</li> <li>If impacts occur, the affected resource is expected to recover completely without any mitigation once impacting agent removed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adverse impacts on the affected activity or community could be avoided with proper mitigation.</li> <li>Impacts would not disrupt the normal or routine functions of the affected activity or community.</li> <li>Once impacting agent eliminated, the affected activity or community is expected to return to a condition with no measurable effects.</li> </ul>
<b>MODERATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts on the affected resource are unavoidable.</li> <li>The viability of the affected resource is not threatened, although some impacts may be irreversible, OR</li> <li>The affected resource would recover completely if proper mitigation applied or proper remedial action is taken once the impacting agent is gone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts on the affected activity or community are unavoidable.</li> <li>Proper mitigation would reduce impacts substantially during the life of the proposed Project, including decommissioning.</li> <li>The affected activity or community would have to adjust somewhat to account for disruptions due to impacts of the project, OR</li> <li>Once the impacting agent is gone, the affected activity or community is expected to return to a condition with no measurable effects proper remedial action taken.</li> </ul>
<b>MAJOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts on the affected resource are unavoidable.</li> <li>The viability of the affected resource may be threatened, AND</li> <li>The affected resource would not fully recover even if proper mitigation applied, or remedial action taken once the impacting agent is gone.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts on the affected activity or community are unavoidable.</li> <li>Proper mitigation would reduce impacts.</li> <li>The affected activity or community would experience unavoidable disruptions to a degree beyond what is normally acceptable, AND</li> <li>The affected activity or community may retain measurable effects indefinitely, even after the impacting agent is gone and even if remedial action is taken.</li> </ul>