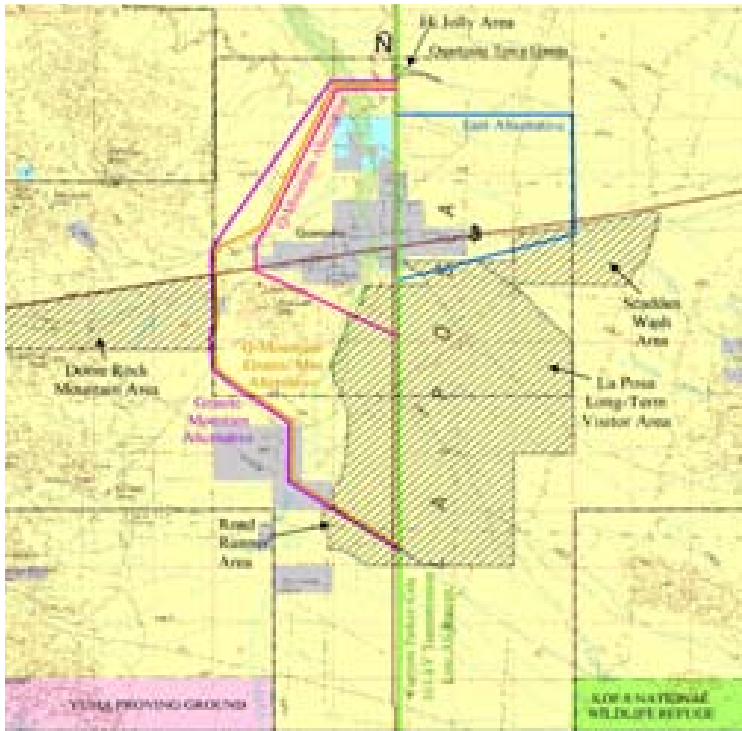


PARKER-GILA 161KV TRANSMISSION LINE QUARTZSITE REROUTE PROJECT

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

40 miles of alternatives in the vicinity of Quartzsite, Arizona



Project Description

Transcon performed National Environmental Policy Act compliance for the realignment of the Western Area Power Administration Parker-Gila 161kV Transmission Line in the vicinity of Quartzsite, Arizona. The project involved the removal of the existing wood- and metal-pole transmission line structures, conductor, and overhead groundwires through the community of Quartzsite and the installation of new metal transmission structures, new conductors, and overhead groundwires around the community. As part of the environmental studies completed for the project, Transcon conducted biological resources evaluations, cultural resource investigations, and prepared a Biological Report and a Cultural Resources Inventory Report. Transcon incorporated the results of the environmental analyses into an Environmental Assessment prepared under the direction of Western Area Power Administration. Public outreach activities involved newsletters, fact sheets, public meetings, and presentations at local town meetings. Transcon also performed cultural resources monitoring during construction. Some of the primary issues include Bureau of Land Management and local agency coordination, winter visitor recreation use areas, and potentially sensitive cultural resources.

Agency Coordination

US Army Corps of Engineers, US Department of Energy, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Town of Quartzsite, and various tribal and local agencies.