

Public Involvement During Scoping

How can I get involved?

TANC and Western want the public to be involved throughout the development of the TTP. We are accepting public scoping comments through April 30. You can submit your comments by filling out a comment card at tonight's meeting or by sending a letter, fax, or email to:

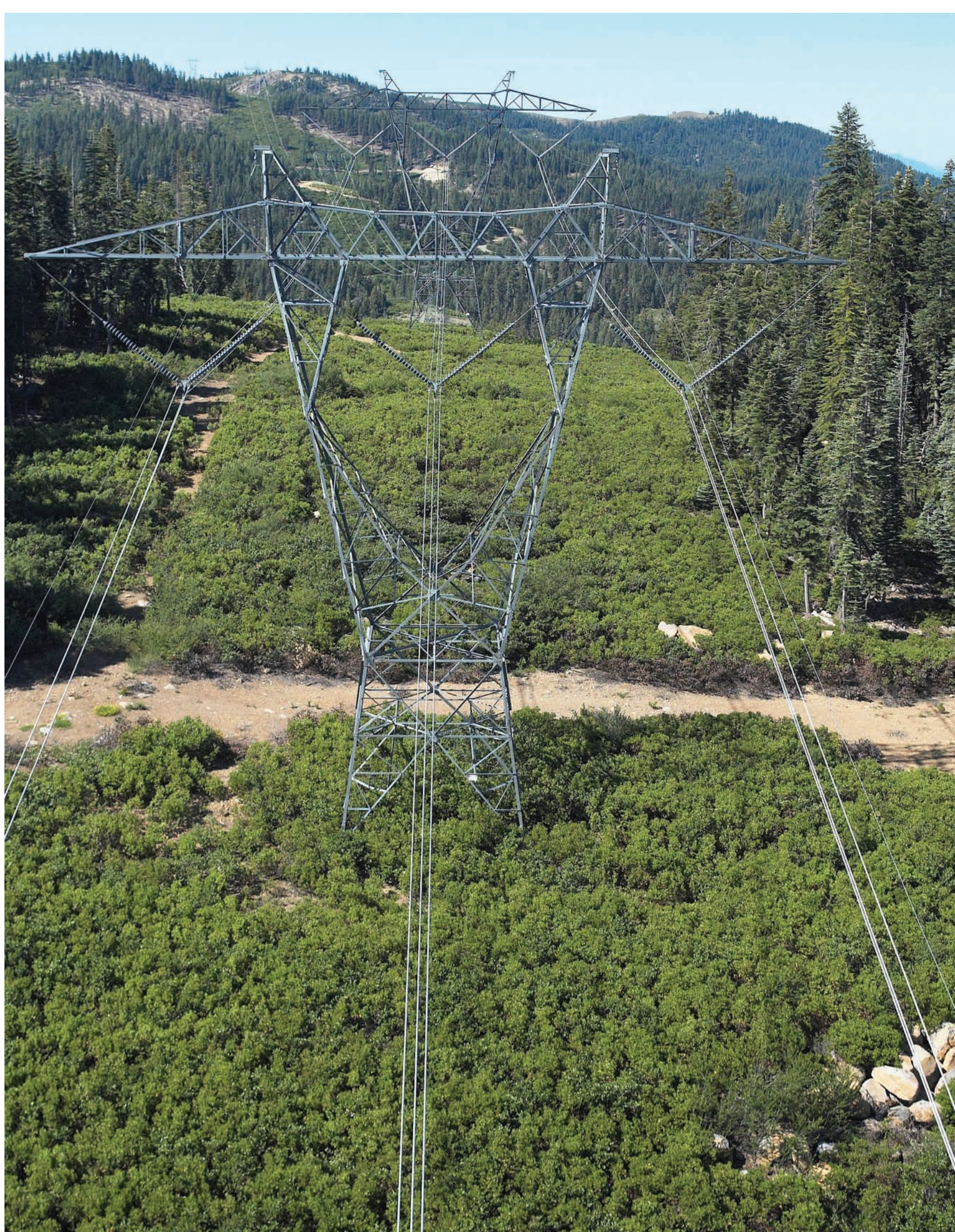
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You will also have an opportunity to provide formal comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/DEIS) once it is published in spring 2010.

For additional information about the NEPA/CEQA process, please visit the Western website at www.wapa.gov/transmission/ttp.htm or call 916-353-4777.

For additional information about the overall project, please visit the TANC website at www.tanc.us.



What is scoping?

The scoping process is the best time to identify issues and provide recommendations to the agencies. The goal is to define the scope of issues to be addressed in depth in the analyses that will be included in the EIS/EIR. Specifically, the scoping process will help Western and TANC:

- Identify people or organizations who are interested in the TTP;
- Identify the significant issues to be analyzed in the EIS/EIR;
- Identify and eliminate from detailed review those issues that will not be significant or those that have been adequately covered in prior environmental review; and
- Identify gaps in data and informational needs.

Scoping provides you with an opportunity to become involved as soon as the EIS/EIR process begins.

How do I make useful comments?

To make useful comments, review the project description, alternatives, and list of issues (below) that will be studied in the EIS/EIR. Then develop your comments, taking the following into consideration:

- What issues are of greatest concern to you and why?
- What alternatives or mitigation measures do you think would help lessen or avoid the impacts?

Western and TANC have identified the following issues to be studied during the NEPA/CEQA process. Others may be added to this list or some of these may be eliminated, based on comments received during scoping.

- Aesthetics and visual resources
- Agricultural resources
- Air quality
- Biological resources
- Cultural and historic resources and tribal values
- Electric and magnetic fields
- Environmental justice
- Geology and soils
- Hazards and hazardous materials
- Human health and safety
- Water resources, including floodplains and wetlands and water quality
- Land use and recreation
- Noise
- Public services and utilities
- Socioeconomics
- Transportation and traffic
- Cumulative impacts and growth-inducing effects

We understand that community residents and organizations are important sources of information about local environments and we are interested in hearing from you. We invite you to suggest specific issues and concerns within these general categories or to suggest other issues that should be evaluated in the EIS/EIR. Please take the time to submit comments about resource areas of concern.