

F. SUMMARY

F.1 BACKGROUND

The OSM has received an application from PWCC for the renewal of Permit AZ-0001D. This renewal application regards mining operations from 2010 through 2015 at the Kayenta Mine located in Navajo County, Arizona (Map A-1). This approval would authorize ongoing mining operations in coal resource areas N-9, J-19, and J-21 from July 6, 2010 through July 5, 2015.

Surface coal mining and reclamation activities are authorized in up to five-year periods to provide an opportunity for OSM to review the mine's compliance with applicable permit terms. Federal regulations in accordance with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) grant a right of successive renewal within the approved boundaries of an existing mining permit. Kayenta Mine operations are authorized under a permanent Indian Lands Program permit originally issued by OSM in 1990. The proposed permit renewal does not include any revisions to the mining and operations plan or the addition of any new mining areas. Coal-mining techniques and mine reclamation are described in more detail in Appendix A.

F.2 ALTERNATIVES

OSM considered two alternatives. Under Alternative 1, the OSM Western Region Director would approve the renewal permit AZ-0001D that would authorize continued mining in coal resource areas N-9, J-19, and J-21 of the Kayenta Mine permit area. Previously authorized existing mining facilities that would be used for the Kayenta Mine operations under this alternative include water supply wells, transportation facilities, office and equipment facilities, utilities, coal handling facilities, explosive storage facilities, environmental monitoring sites, water control facilities, and topsoil stockpiles. Appendix A provides details of mining operations, reclamation, and mitigation. Under Alternative 2, OSM would disapprove the permit application.

F.3 SUMMARY OF IMPACTS ASSESSED

This EA describes and evaluates the potential effects of the alternatives and Table F-1 briefly summarizes the effects of each of the alternatives including cumulative effects. Section E Environmental Impacts contains detailed information on the effects of the alternatives.

Table F-1 Environmental Consequences Summary

Impact Topic	Alternative 1 Approve the Renewal of Permit AZ-0001D	Alternative 2 Disapprove the Renewal of Permit AZ-0001D
Cultural Resources	Minor	Negligible
Hydrology	Negligible to Minor	Negligible
Vegetation	Minor	Negligible
Fish and Wildlife	Negligible to Minor	Negligible
Special Status Species (Federal and Navajo Nation listed species)	Negligible to Minor	Negligible to Minor
Soils	Minor	Minor
Recreation	Negligible to Minor	Negligible
Air Quality	Negligible	Negligible
Noise and Vibration	Negligible	Negligible
Landforms and Topography	Minor	Minor
Geology and Mineral Resources	Negligible to Minor	Negligible
Climate	Negligible	Negligible
Land Use	Negligible to Minor	Minor
Socioeconomic Conditions	Negligible	Major
Environmental Justice	Negligible	Minor
Indian Trust Assets	Negligible	Negligible
Visual Resources	Negligible to Minor	Negligible
Transportation	Negligible	Negligible
Human Health and Safety	Negligible	Negligible to Moderate

Impacts to federally listed species also have been analyzed in a supplemental biological assessment. This technical document was prepared as part of a Section 7 consultation with the USFWS. The findings were consistent with the conclusions reached for the same species in this EA.

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