2.14 Recreation

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):	*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
14. RECREATION—Would the project:				
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facilities would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒

Setting

There are no state parks within Siskiyou County and no local parks within the vicinity of the Proposed Project and Weed Segment areas. However, the Klamath National Forest, which provides over one million acres for camping, hiking, and rafting activities, is located to the west of the project area and Shasta-Trinity National Forest, a 2.1 million acre national forest including a 203,500 acre National Recreational Area, is located to the east of the project area. In addition, Lake Shastina, a private recreation area, is located less than 1 mile east of the transmission line.

Regulatory Context

Shasta-Trinity National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan

The Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest (1995) set forth policies and regulations that pertain to the proposed action. The District Ranger from the Shasta-Trinity National Forest reviewed the Proposed Project and found no concerns because the project does not cross or impinge on National Forest Lands (PacifiCorp, 2005).

Siskiyou County General Plan

The Siskiyou County General Plan does not contain any recreation goals, objectives, or policies that would be applicable to the Proposed Project.

City of Weed General Plan

The City of Weed General Plan's Open Space and Conservation Element (1987) provides the following policies that would be applicable to the Weed Segment.

> The City of Weed shall encourage and support, where determined appropriate, the continuing enhancement and development of parks and recreation facilities within the City boundaries as well as conserve and maintain areas zoned as open space.

Recreation Impacts and Mitigation Measures

a) **Increased use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facilities would occur or be accelerated: *less than significant.***

Increases in demand for recreational facilities are typically associated with substantial increases in population. As further described in Section 2.12, *Population and Housing*, the Proposed Project and Weed Segment would require up to 35 total crew members, including PacifiCorp and contracted construction personnel. Of these construction crew members, about 20 percent (up to 7 crew members) would reside locally. The Proposed Project and Weed Segment construction activities would be temporary, and therefore would not result in a substantial increased demand for recreational facilities or adversely affect Siskiyou County or City of Weed park/population standards.

b) **Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment: *no impact.***

The Proposed Project and Weed Segment do not include any plans for the addition of any recreational facilities nor would it require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project and Weed Segment would not result in any adverse physical effects on the environment from construction or expansion of additional recreational facilities.

References – Recreation

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