



# Definitions of **Potential Beneficial Impact Levels**

Impact Level	Biological & Physical Resources	Socioeconomic Resources
<b>NEGLIGIBLE</b>	<p><b>Either no effect or uncertain slight:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in the health of local ecosystem;</li> <li>• Increase in the extent and quality of habitat both for special status species and species common to the area;</li> <li>• Increase in species richness or abundance of species common to the area;</li> <li>• Improvement in air or water quality.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Either no effect or uncertain slight:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in human health for individuals or communities;</li> <li>• Benefits other than health for some individuals or communities (e.g., small number of additional employment opportunities);</li> <li>• Improvements to services in the community;</li> <li>• Benefits the overall economy;</li> <li>• Benefits for tourism or regional or local cultural resources.</li> </ul>
<b>MINOR</b>	<p><b>A small but reasonably certain:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in local ecosystem health;</li> <li>• Increase in the extent and quality of habitat for both special-status species and species common to the proposed Project area;</li> <li>• Increase in populations of species common to the proposed Project area;</li> <li>• Improvement in air or water quality.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A small but reasonably certain:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in human health;</li> <li>• Benefit for local employment;</li> <li>• Improvement to infrastructure and community services;</li> <li>• Benefit to the overall economy;</li> <li>• Economic improvement;</li> <li>• Benefit for local or regional tourism or cultural resources.</li> </ul>
<b>MODERATE</b>	<p><b>A notable but not large:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in local ecosystem health;</li> <li>• Increase in the extent and quality of habitat for both special-status species and species common to the proposed Project area;</li> <li>• Increase in populations of species common to the proposed Project area;</li> <li>• Improvement in air or water quality.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A notable but not large:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in human health;</li> <li>• Benefits to employment on a regional scale;</li> <li>• Improvements to facilities and community services;</li> <li>• Local or regional economic improvement;</li> <li>• Benefit for local or regional tourism or cultural resources.</li> </ul>
<b>MAJOR</b>	<p><b>A large:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in the health of ecosystems regionally;</li> <li>• Increase in the extent and quality of habitat for both special status and commonly occurring species on a regional scale;</li> <li>• Improvement in air or water quality on a regional scale.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A large:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement in human health;</li> <li>• Benefit to employment on a regional scale;</li> <li>• Improvements to facilities and community services;</li> <li>• Improvement in the regional economy;</li> <li>• Economic improvement;</li> <li>• Benefit to local or regional tourism or cultural resources.</li> </ul>