

FIELD REPORT

**Q1 2021**

**Delivering Clean Energy**  
*for the Future of the West.*



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## SUNZIA SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION PROJECT: FIELD REPORT

### Getting to Know the SunZia Team

Just as the SunZia Transmission Line can connect energy from New Mexico and Arizona to the West, it also connects our team members, who are located in both states. Included as part of our team, are those who engage and work with landowners. This work plays a crucial role in determining routing. Get to know some of our land agents below and visit [SunZia.net/SunZia-leadership/](https://SunZia.net/SunZia-leadership/) to learn more about us.



Matthew Apachee is a Senior Land Agent for SunZia. Matthew was born in New Mexico and now lives in Arizona with his wife and three kids. For three years, Matthew has conducted direct landowner engagement and managed the land agent team for SunZia. He has extensive land agent experience and has successfully navigated tribal consultation for major utility projects in New Mexico.



Mark Apachee is also a Senior Land Agent for SunZia. He was born in New Mexico and lives in Arizona with his wife and two kids. Mark joined the SunZia team just over a year ago. He conducts direct landowner engagement and manages data, documents and spreadsheets for the land team. Mark has 13 years of land agent experience in both New Mexico and Arizona.



Mel Apachee comes to SunZia with over 30 years of experience in the field. He has an extensive history in project management and, right of way acquisition in for all major utilities in New Mexico and Arizona. Mel has three kids, Matthew, Mark, and Melissa, and 8 grand kiddies.

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## SunZia Terminology

The renewable energy and transmission industries use a lot of terms, many of which may be unfamiliar. Below is an overview of frequently used terms:

- **BLM** – These are the initials for the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM is the lead for preparing an EIS to review the SunZia Project.
  - **EIS** – This is an acronym for Environmental Impact Statement. This is a document that identifies the impact of SunZia on its surrounding environment.
  - **NOI** – Formally known as a notice of intent, this document is issued by the Bureau of Land Management to initiate the public scoping process.
  - **NEPA** – These four letters are an acronym for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This act helps to maintain a respectful relationship between humans and the environment.
  - **ROD** – This is an acronym for Record of Decision. The document is issued by the Bureau of Land Management, providing insight on how a project will, or will not, move forward.
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## Did you know?

- Did you know that in addition to delivering carbon-free energy to the west, SunZia's transmission line will leverage infrastructure that will be engineered to be as unnoticeable as possible? Below are some other interesting facts about the project's towers and cables.
- SunZia transmission lines will traverse over 500 miles through New Mexico and Arizona
- The average height of the towers will be approximately 135 feet
- The project will help to eliminate 2,682,482 tons of coal\*
- The energy transported will be enough to power 1,086,705 southwestern households\*

\*Learn more about these calculations, here: <https://SunZia.net/impact/>



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# We're Building a Clean Energy Future

SunZia is a 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission project dedicated to clean energy. It is one of the largest interstate transmission lines of its kind - designed to transport up to 4,500 MW (megawatts) of clean energy from the wind and solar-rich areas of New Mexico and Arizona to customers across the West.

SunZia is helping make renewable energy the next great industry — benefiting local landowners, states, cities and towns while creating jobs and helping the environment.

**SunZia is Clean Energy - SunZia is the Future.**



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