

FIELD REPORT

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



**SunZia®**

### SunZia Project Update

The SunZia Southwest Transmission Line continues to move forward and is in the midst of working through a permitting schedule with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Over the summer, the BLM conducted three public hearings and provided the public an opportunity to provide their comments about the amendments to the approved 550+ mile SunZia Transmission Line. We've posted many of the letters submitted as a result of the BLM outreach on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to read through the letters. The comments will be one of many elements considered as a part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, scheduled to be issued on April 8, 2022.

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### SunZia and NMRETA

The New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) was created by lawmakers to facilitate the development of renewable electric transmission and storage projects. Their team enables the development of renewable transmission projects through a variety of means, including entering into Joint Development Agreements, as they did with SunZia.

Having a development partner like RETA provides SunZia additional expertise in transmission projects related to financing, partnering with New Mexico and federal government on regulatory issues.

Learn more about NMRETA, here: <https://nmreta.com>

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### SunZia Brings \$2.7 Billion of Economic Impact into Arizona and New Mexico

In addition to the benefits of providing clean and reliable energy that could power more than a million households, The SunZia Southwest Transmission Line will generate in excess of \$2.7 billion into Arizona and New Mexico communities over the project lifespan. The economic impact report, completed by Moss Adams, details the positive impacts of the \$3.7 billion project that is funded through private capital investment. The project is anticipated to support approximately 2,600 construction jobs over seven years and 44 permanent positions over the life of the project. Read more in the report, [here](#).



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## SunZia's Investment to the Future: Mitigation

As an innovative and forward-looking renewable energy project, SunZia will contribute to the fight against climate change in a healthy, sustainable, and environmentally responsible manner. The SunZia team has a long-standing commitment to work with agencies, Tribes, Pueblos, traditional communities, and scientists to ensure we use best practices that are designed to protect sensitive species, resident and migratory birds, and important habitat while minimizing potential impacts through sound science, collaboration, and cutting-edge technologies. Some of our investments include:

- Actively working with some of the most well-respected researchers, wildlife biologists, ornithologists, wetland/riparian specialists, and botanists in the Southwest to better understand how to enhance areas around our project in Arizona and New Mexico.
- Understanding flight paths of migratory birds. Understanding their flight behavior and movement patterns in New Mexico's riparian corridors will help to minimize impacts to migratory birds.

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## Gila Valley Connections

The SunZia project team has been sponsoring a variety of great community events throughout Arizona. SunZia is helping the Safford Downtown Association by supporting the [Merry Main Street and the Holiday Light Parade](#). Over the past few months, the SunZia team has been a part of the Greenlee County Fair, Cochise County Fair, Rex Allen Days, Graham County Fair and Butterfield Rodeo. Check out the fun we've had, in the pictures below!



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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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