



Southwest Area Transmission (SWAT) Study Group

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Transmission Identification Subcommittee (ARRTIS)***

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**Exclusion and Sensitivity Level Definitions for use in the
Renewable Resource Area Identification Process**

Exclusion areas are classified where development is precluded by statute or regulation. Design and mitigation measures would not reduce constraints. Exclusion areas (e.g., National Parks, Wilderness Areas, National Monuments, airports) would typically represent significant potential conflict and therefore, a very low to no probability for permitting utility-scale generation facilities.

High sensitivity areas are classified where there is a presence of unique, highly valued, complex, or legally-protected resources. Constraints could be reduced, but are not likely to be resolved through implementation of design and/or mitigation measures. Areas of high environmental constraint typically represent potential conflict and a high level of risk for permitting utility-scale generation facilities.

Moderate sensitivity areas are classified where potential resource constraints are likely to be present, but may be resolved through implementation of design and/or mitigation measures. Areas of moderate environmental constraint typically represent a mid-range risk for permitting utility-scale generation facilities.

Low sensitivity areas are classified where potential resource constraints could be present; however, they are likely to be resolved through implementation of design or mitigation measures. Areas of lowest environmental constraint would typically minimize conflict or impacts to resources and typically represent the lowest risk of permitting utility-scale generation facilities.