



Transmission Corridor Planning Planning Committee (TCPC)

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Work Group Purpose

- Identify federal, state, county, and other planning initiatives in the SWAT footprint that include utility corridor planning
- Identify existing utility corridors in SWAT footprint and their potential to accommodate additional electrical transmission facilities
- Address issues associated with the development of new or widened corridors for electric transmission lines
- Develop information and messages to land managers and the public about utility corridor planning

Work Group Purpose

- Provide comment on behalf of SWAT when stakeholder input on planning documents is solicited
- Analyze resource, technical, and other information in order to make recommendations about existing and future utility corridors
- Collaboratively pursue the inclusion of utility corridors in applicable planning documents

Work Group Objective

- The SWAT Transmission Corridor Planning Work Group will focus on **identifying opportunities** to integrate utility infrastructure planning into federal, state, and local planning initiatives with the goal of **streamlining the process** by which projects can be permitted and developed while **improving utility and public communication** as part of the planning process.
- The Work Group will closely monitor the evaluations and recommendations put forth by the SWAT Common Corridor Work Group, providing input and exchanging information as both initiatives are advanced.

Potential Work Group Activities

- Continue efforts with USFS in Arizona on Forest Plan revisions
- Provide updates on EAct 368 corridor implementation to SWAT Oversight Committee
- Attend / report on initiatives such as WECC/TEPPC seminar on long-term transmission planning (AEP 765kV Concept)
- Liaison to Western Governor's Association WREZ initiative
- Identify other federally-managed land for which plan revisions or updates are scheduled

Work Group Expectations

- The Work Group will work in an open process consistent with the SWAT Charter and allow opportunity for comments from other SWAT members
- The work will be properly referenced and communicated to the entire SWAT Oversight Committee
- Key communications should be presented to the SWAT Oversight Committee for endorsement
- Annual activity reports will be prepared and approved by the Work Group and SWAT Oversight Committee

Work Group Composition

- Target composition would include personnel from:
 - transmission utilities
 - regulatory and commission agencies
 - developers
 - environmental advocates or planning firms
- Participation would include representatives from the entire SWAT footprint.
- Other interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate.

TCPC Opportunities in Pinal County

- Review and input into Pinal County Comprehensive Plan
 - Future public hearings and adoption of Plan
- Local municipal planning efforts (e.g., Casa Grande 2020 Plan)
- Advocacy of CATS-EHV and HV efforts
- Inclusion of CATS efforts in broader regional planning and corridor planning