ROSEMONT 138KV TRANSMISSION LINE SITING STUDY PROJECT

Public Open House Meeting #4

November 17, 2010

Rancho Resort Clubhouse

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Presentation and Question and Answer

6:30pm - 7:00pm

Project Overview

- Tucson Electric Power (TEP), as a part of its obligation to serve, is proposing to construct and operate a new 138kV transmission line for the proposed Rosemont Copper operations
- Planning process includes environmental studies and public input conducted to assist in identification and comparison of alternative transmission line routes and environmental impacts. Similar to any customer requesting service at the transmission voltage, Rosemont is paying for the transmission line siting study.
- Project area is south of I-10 and east of I-19, with lands managed by Arizona State
 Land Department in conjunction with the University of Arizona, Forest Service, Bureau
 of Land Management, and privately-owned lands under the planning jurisdictions of
 the Town of Sahuarita and Pima County.
- Project requires review by the Arizona Corporation Commission's (ACC) Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee resulting in a recommendation to, and a final determination by, the ACC prior to construction.





Purpose and Need

- Electric utilities are required by the State of Arizona to provide electrical service to customers, upon request.
- Rosemont Copper Company has requested TEP to provide electric power to the Rosemont Copper operations.
- The primary purpose and need for the proposed transmission line is to provide adequate and reliable power for the proposed Rosemont Copper operations.
- Currently, there are no existing transmission lines and substations to serve this proposed operation.





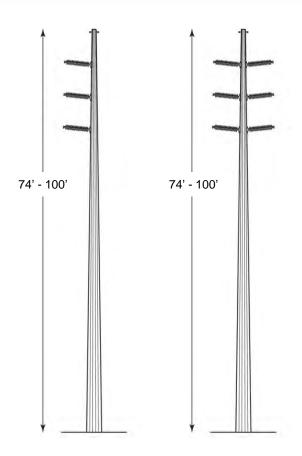
Project Description

- Up to approximately 20 miles of 138kV transmission line
- A 500-foot-wide corridor will be requested, and within that corridor a 100-foot-wide right-of-way would be obtained
- Approximately 3+ acres of land for construction, operation, and maintenance for the proposed Rosemont Substation, westernmost switchyard/substation, Greaterville Substation, Helvetia Road/46kV temporary interconnection
- Three connection points:
 - New switchyard/substation for connection to TEP system
 - New Rosemont switchyard/substation at Rosemont Copper operations
 - Greaterville Substation or temporary switchyard/substation interconnection (Helvetia Road & 46kV intersection) for construction power and possible long-term reliability purposes





Proposed Structure Type(s)











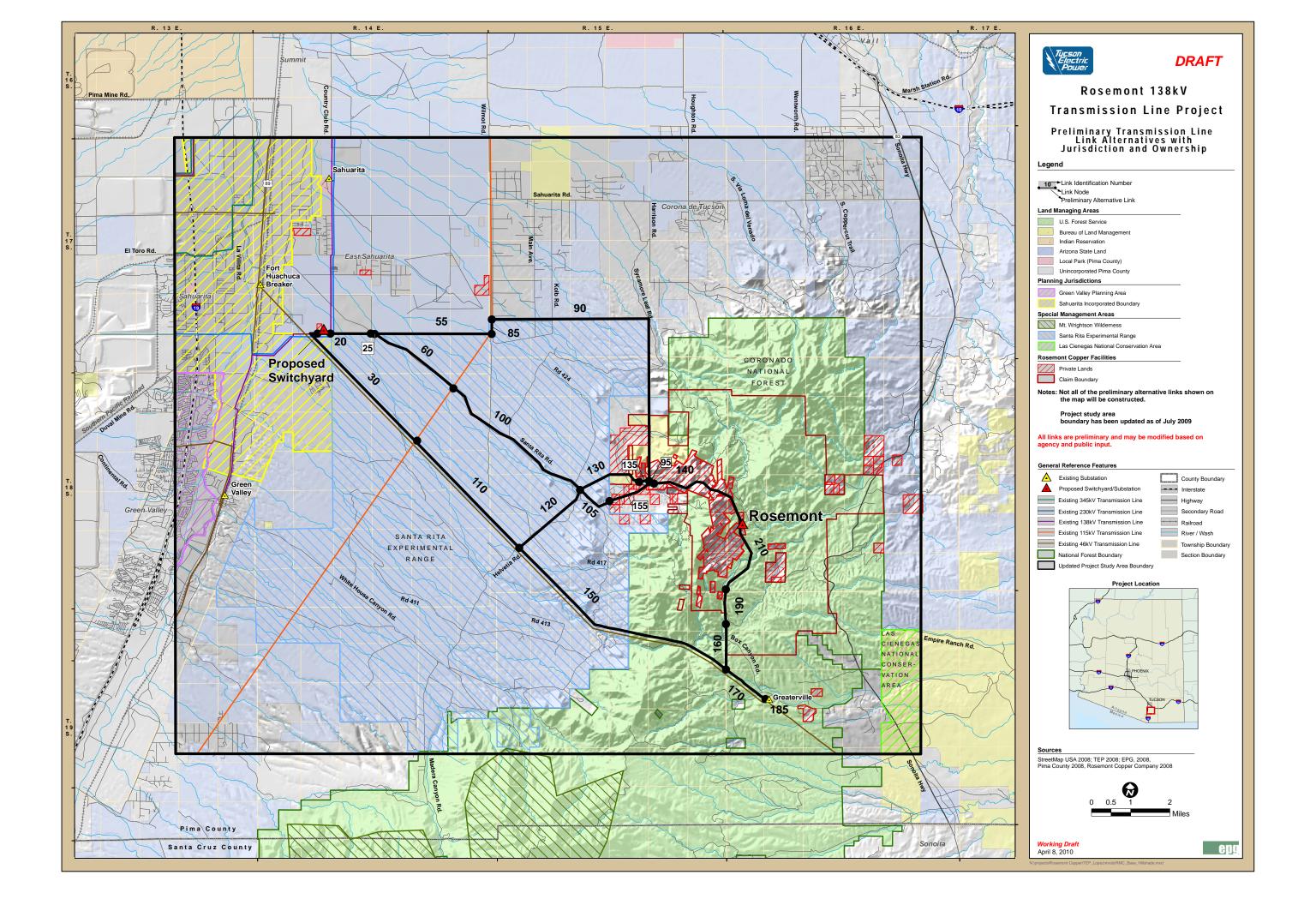
Proposed Switchyard/Substation

- Photograph is of a typical TEP switchyard that resembles the proposed switchyard/substation(s)
- Proposed facility for interconnection with the existing TEP transmission system
- Approximately 3+ acres in size
- Located on private land









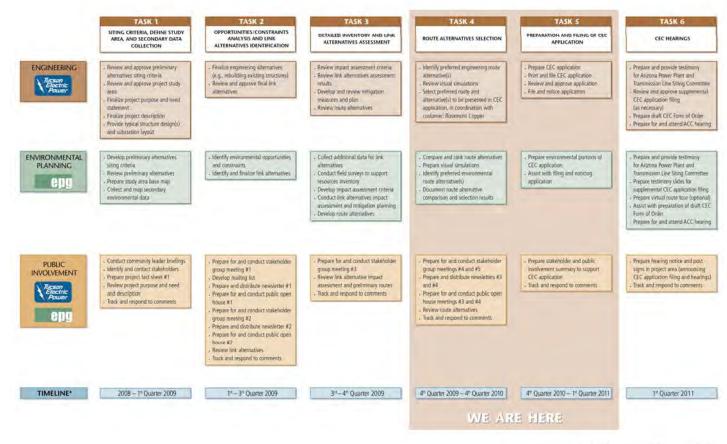
Planning Process

- Comprehensive planning process consisting of six key tasks. Studies include environmental and engineering analysis, along with agency/public input.
- Identification and evaluation of alternatives that meet project purpose and need
- TEP will identify a preferred route(s), as well as alternative routes, for permitting and construction.
- TEP will prepare and file a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) application to be reviewed by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee.
- The ACC will make a final decision to approve or deny the CEC application (with any conditions).





Planning Process Chart



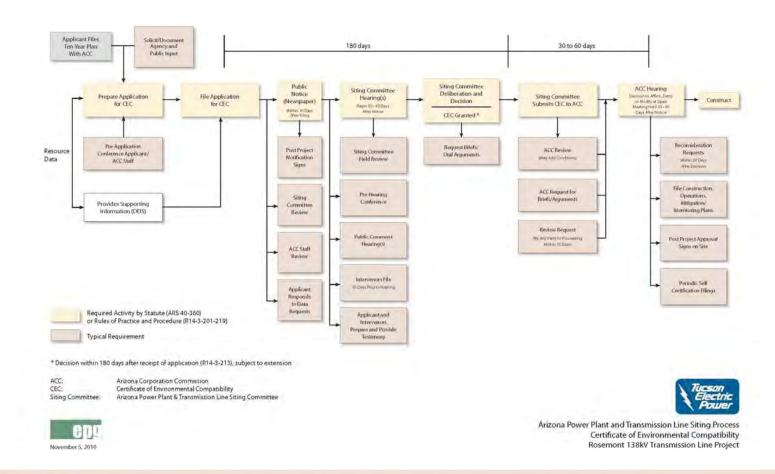
*Timeline is estimated

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Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Application Process







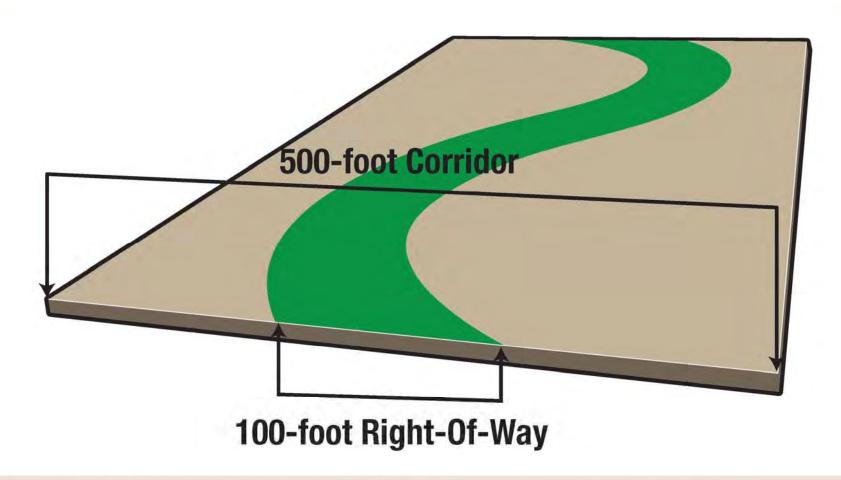
Key Considerations for Selection of Recommended Routes

- Project construction and operation power needs
- Minimizing environmental impacts
- Electrical system planning requirements and timeframes
- Engineering
 - Constructability
 - Cost
 - Right-of-way
- Public and agency input
- Regulatory permits
- One or more alternative routes may be carried forward in application for a CEC to be submitted to the Siting Committee and ACC





Example Corridor and Right-of-Way Configuration

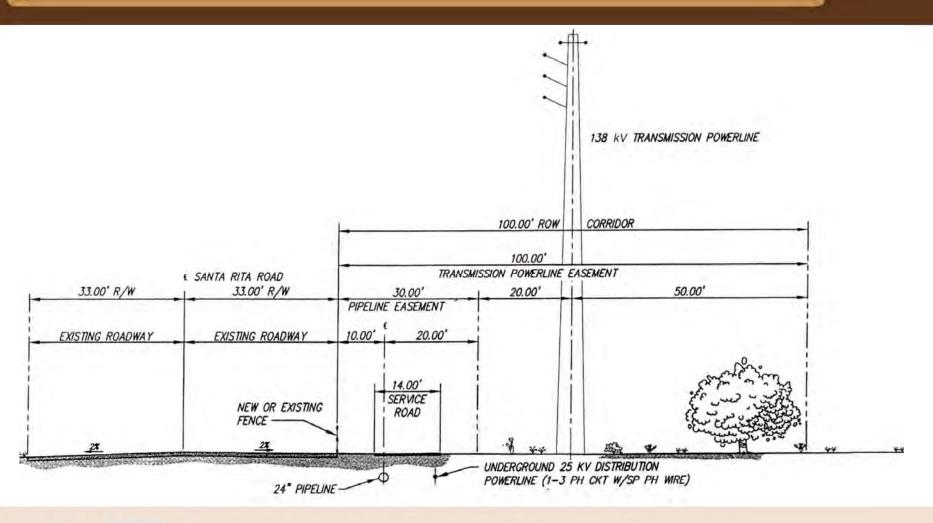






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Example Section of Transmission Line and Pipeline Right-of-Way







Environmental Analysis Summary

Land Use

- Existing land use
- Future land use

Visual Resource

- Landscape scenic quality
- Sensitive viewers (residences, roads/trails, trailheads)
- Scenic management guidelines

Cultural Resource

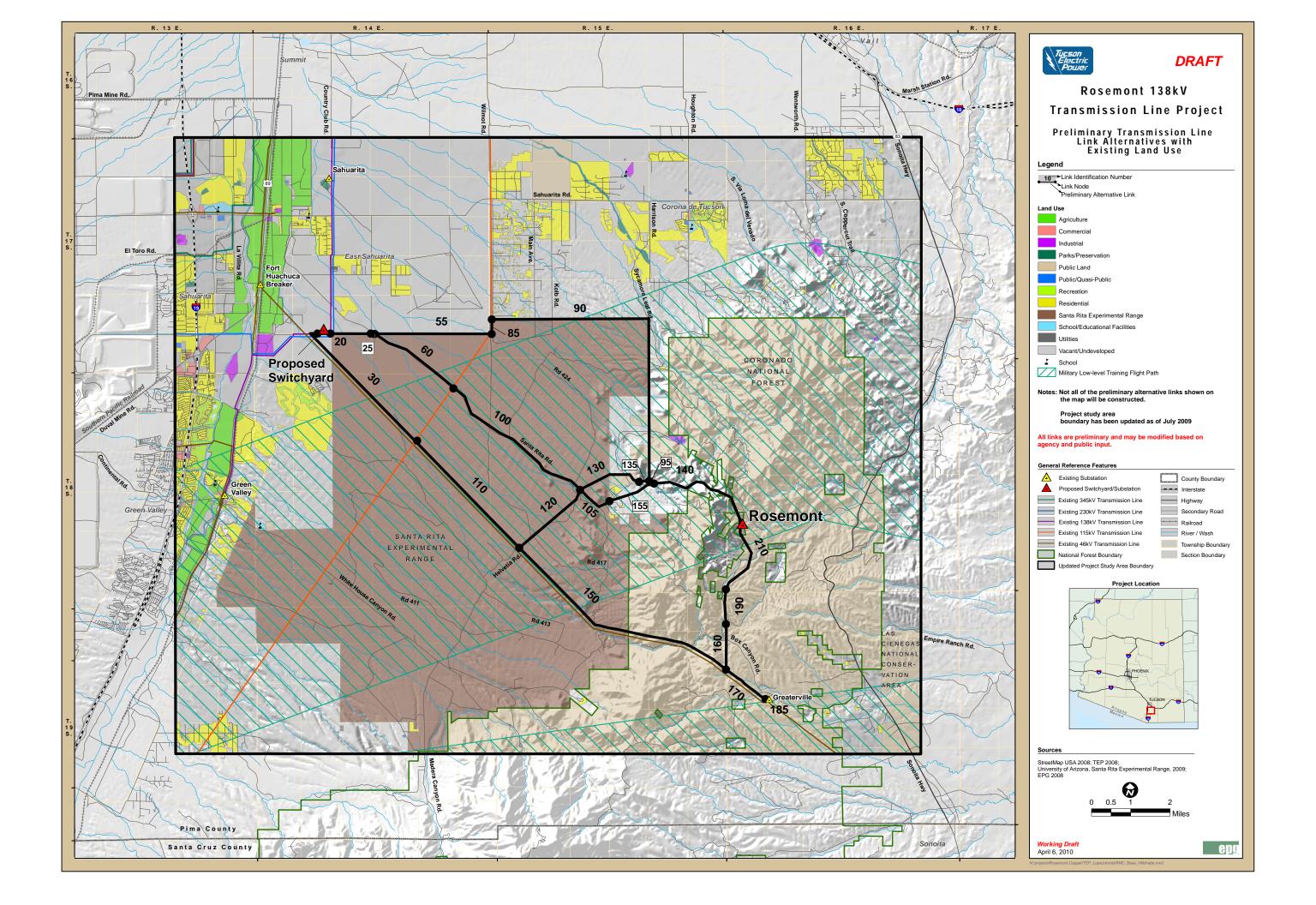
- Known historic properties considered
 - Eligible
 - Not eligible
 - Not evaluated

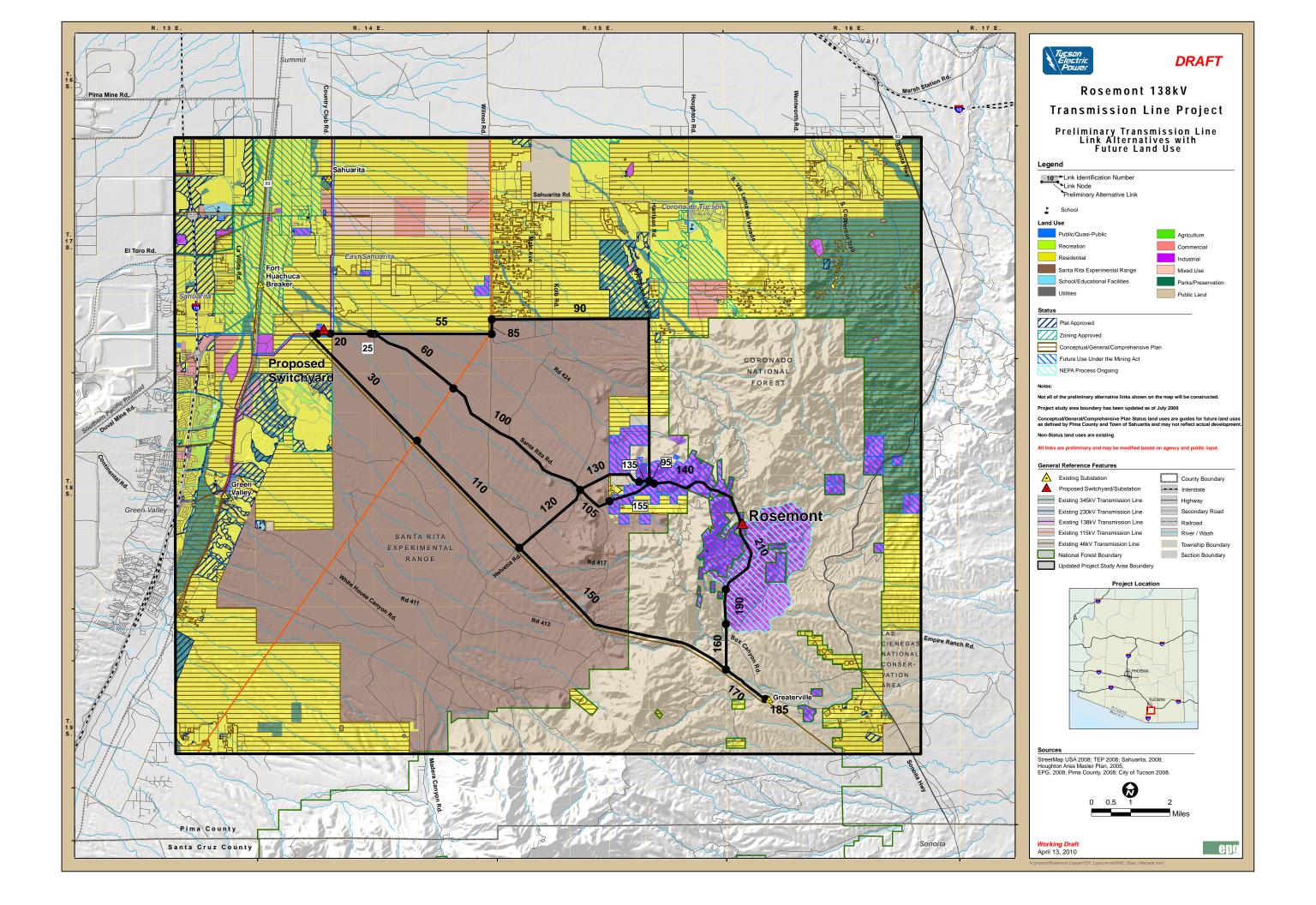
Biological Resource

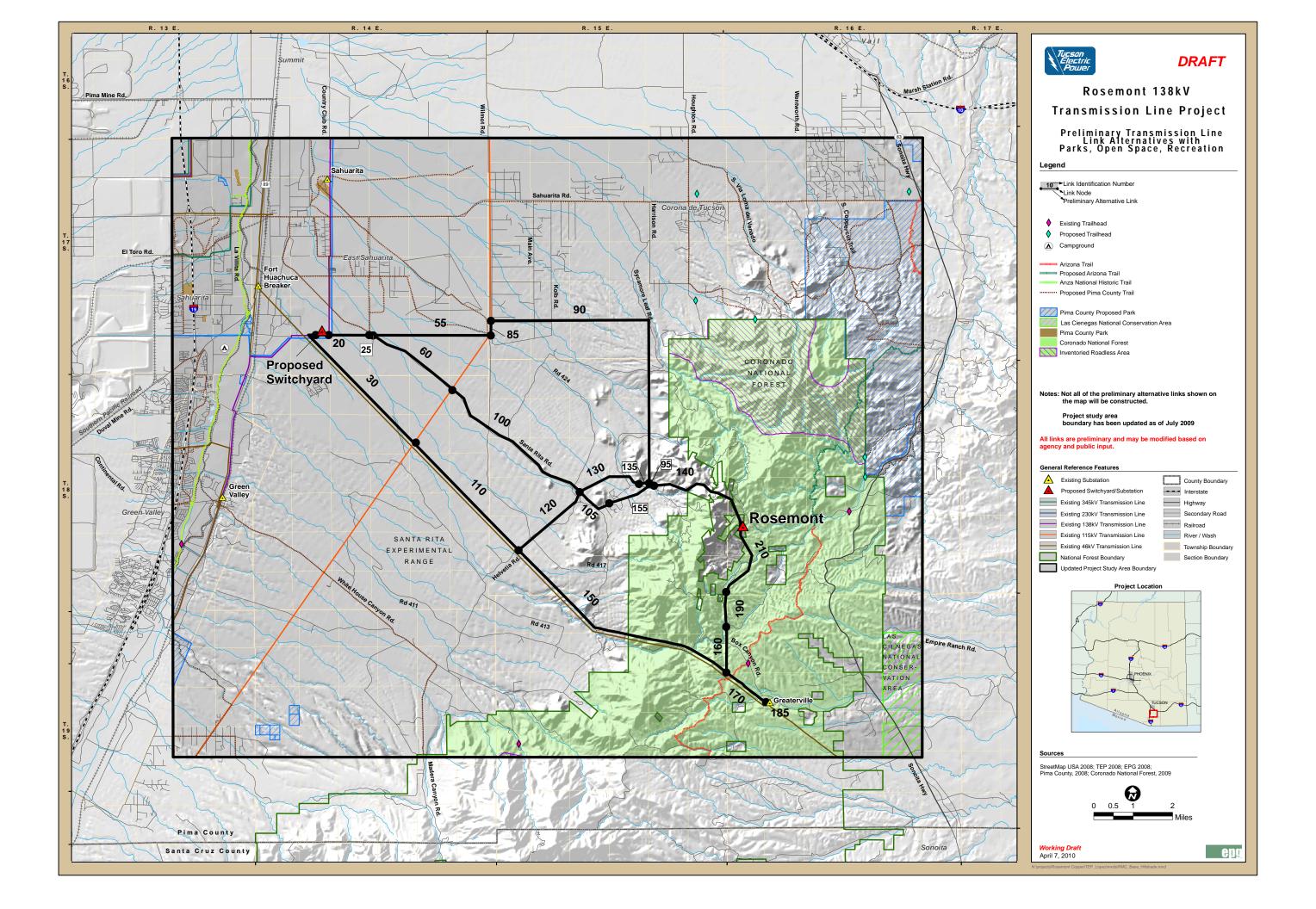
- Biological conservation areas
- Vegetation
- Wildlife

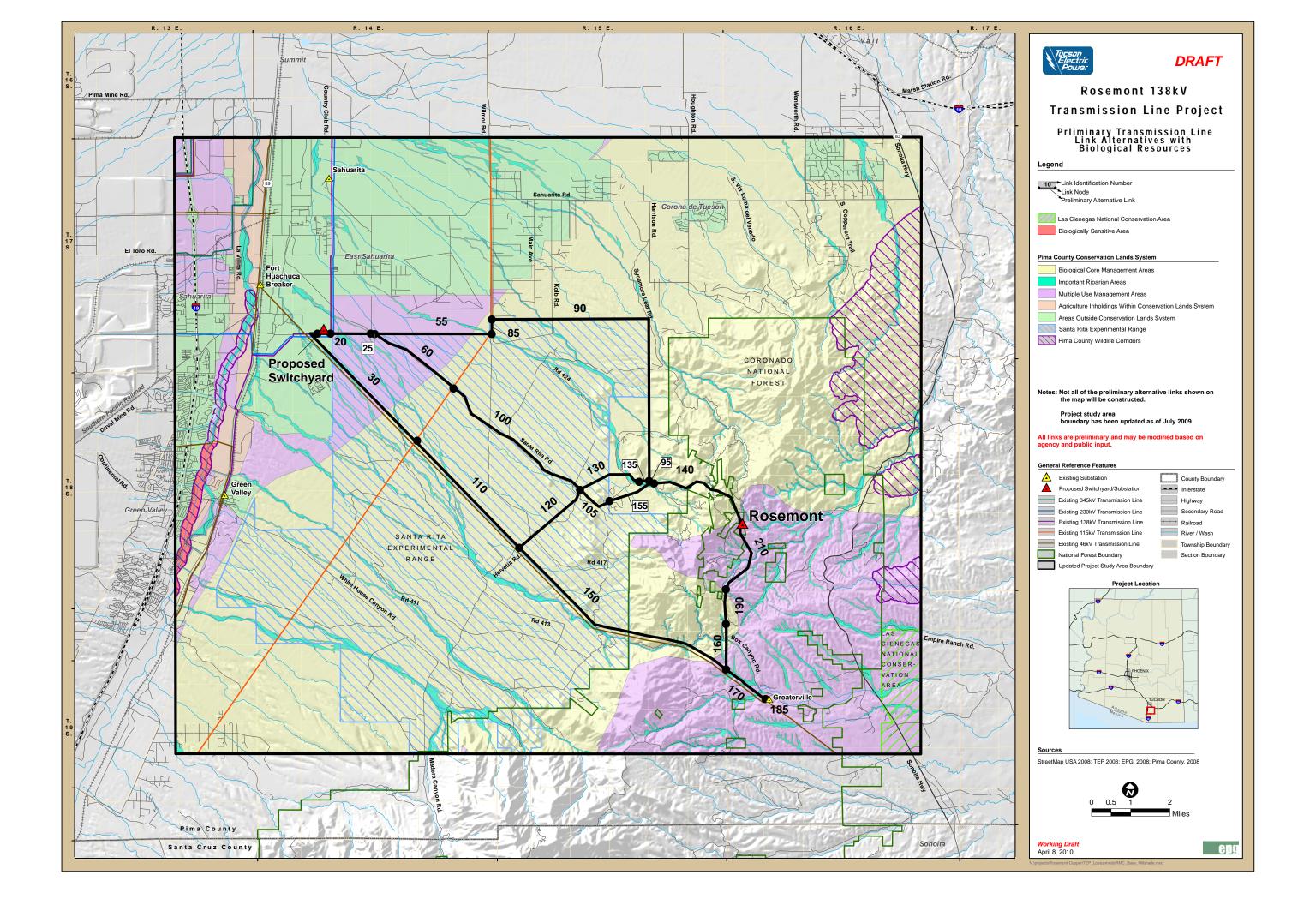


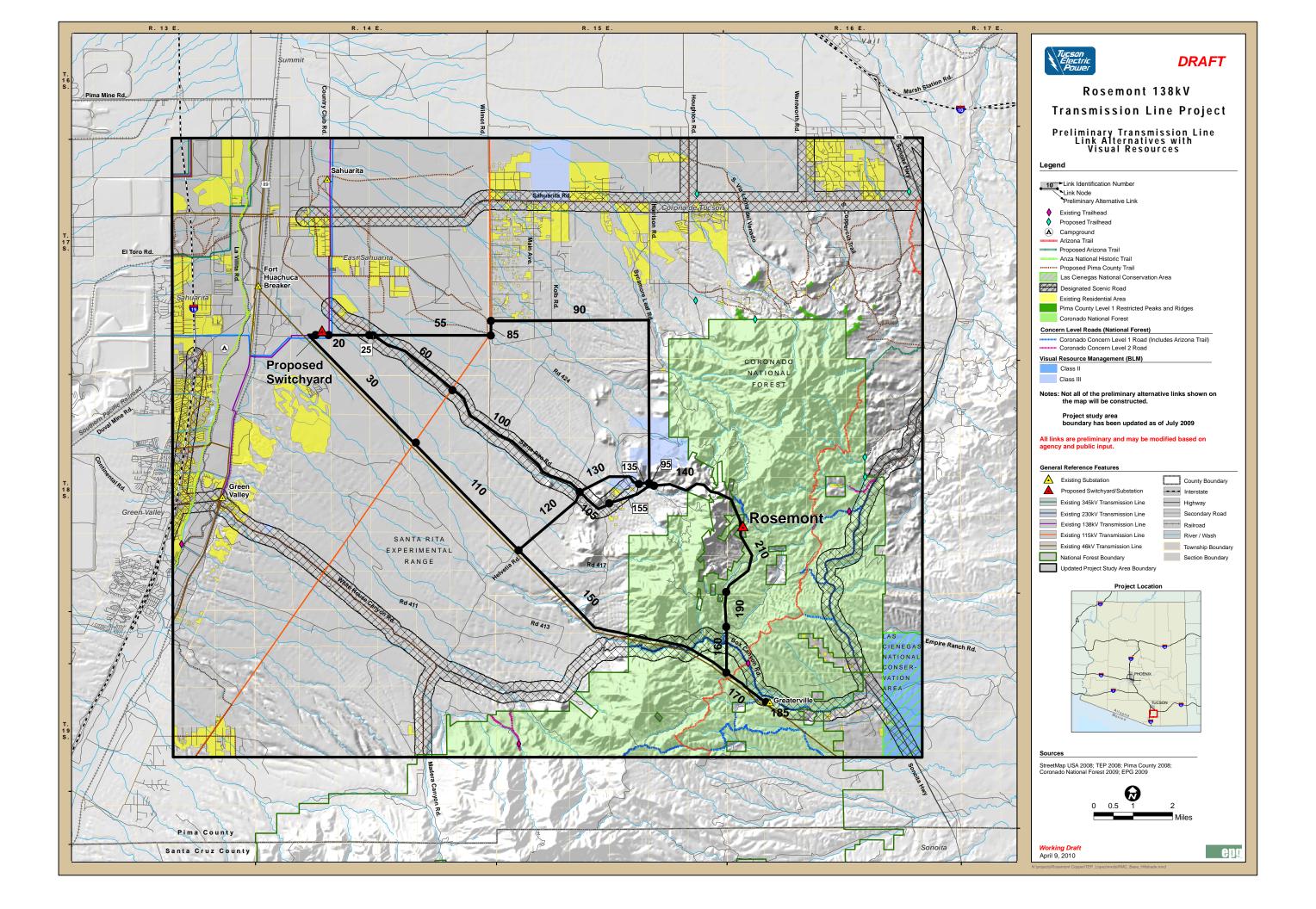


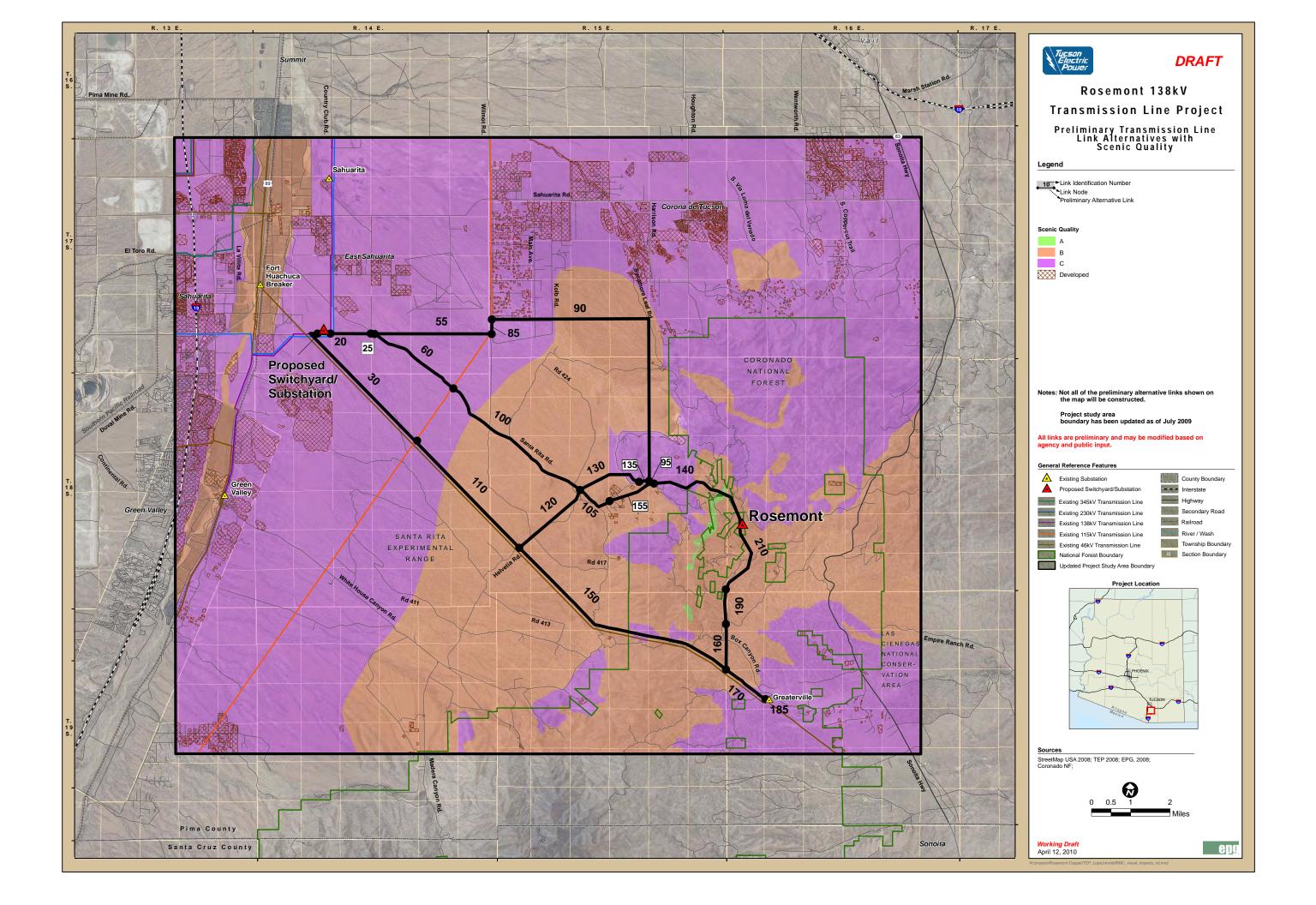




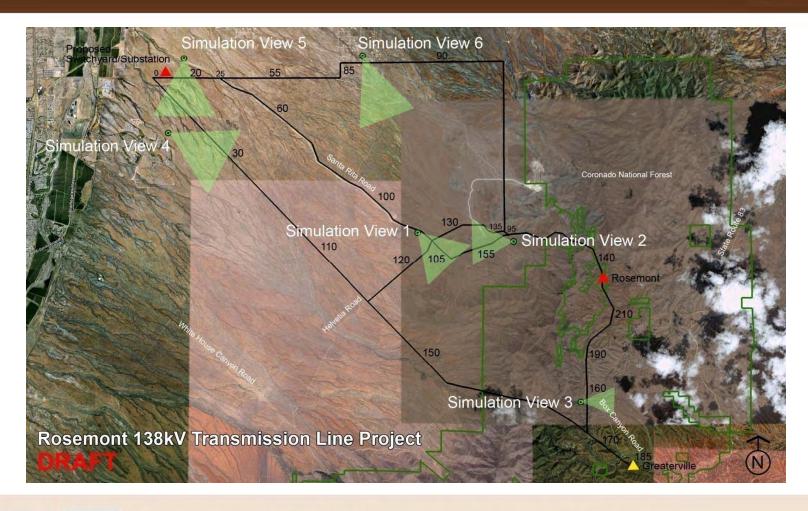






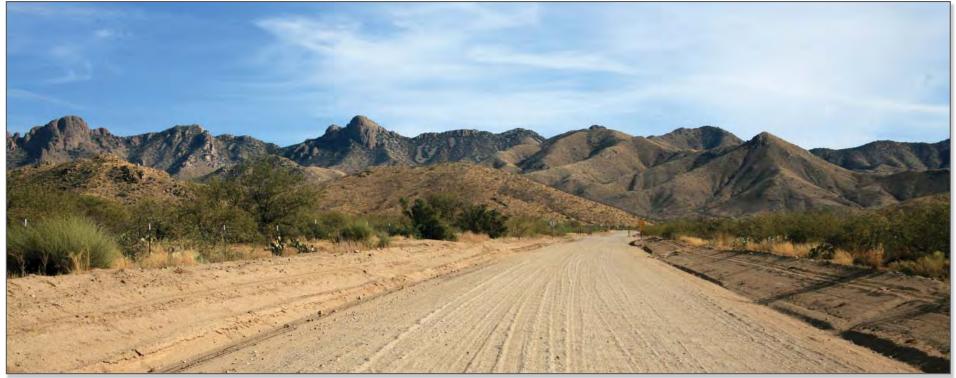


Simulations

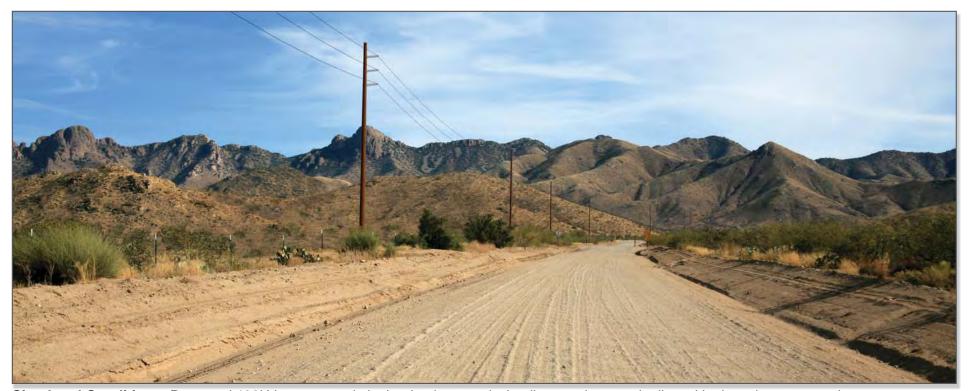








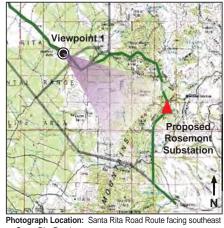
Existing Condition - Santa Rita Road within the Santa Rita Experimental Range

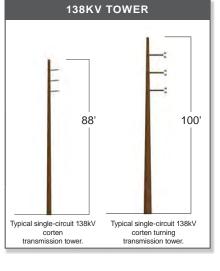


Simulated Condition - Proposed 138kV corten steel single-circuit transmission lines and water pipeline with shared access road



Simulated Condition - Proposed 138kV galvanized steel single-circuit transmission lines and water pipeline with shared access road





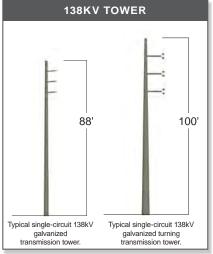


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Structure models that were used in the simulations were created using diagrams provided by TEP. Pipeline information provided by Rosemont Copper.

This simulation represents a schematic concept design that will be refined and finalized. Actual final structure sizes, heights, materials, and conductor sag will vary on a case-by-case basis.



Simulation 1 - Preferred Route





Existing Condition – Existing distribution lines and residences along Helvetia Road



Simulated Condition - Proposed 138kV corten steel double-circuit transmission line and water pipeline with shared access road



Simulated Condition - Proposed 138kV galvanized steel double-circuit transmission line and water pipeline with shared access road

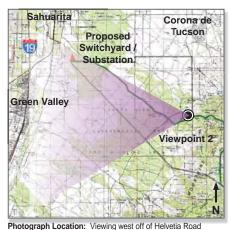
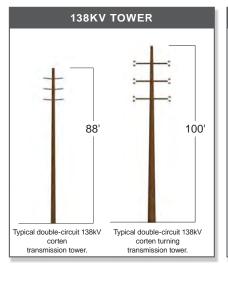


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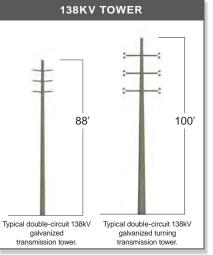


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Rosemont Copper Transmission Line Project Simulation 2 - Preferred Route





Existing Condition - Box Canyon Road within the Santa Rita Mountains



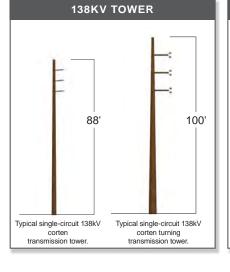
Simulated Condition – Proposed 138kV corten steel single-circuit transmission line



Simulated Condition – Proposed 138kV galvanized steel single-circuit transmission line



Canyon Road. Photo point is approximately 0.14 mile from nearest transmission line. Simulation location and viewpoint selected by Coronado National Forest Landscape Architect.



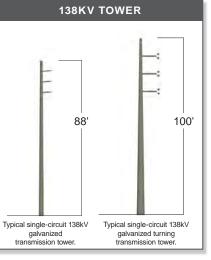


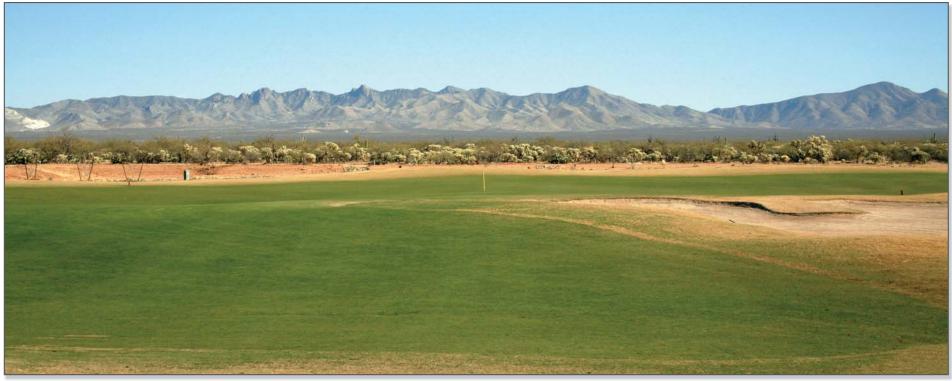
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Rosemont Copper Transmission Line Project Simulation 3 - Preferred Route, Alternative 1, Alternative 4





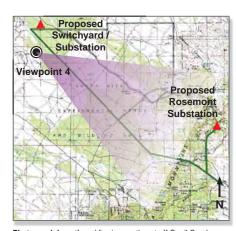
Existing Condition – Quail Creek Community Golf Course and existing 46kV transmission lines



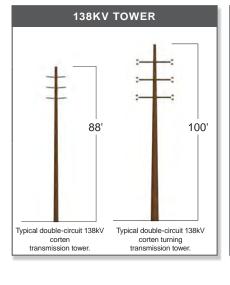
Simulated Condition - Proposed consolidated 138kV corten steel double-circuit transmission line with co-located 46kV line



Simulated Condition - Proposed consolidated 138kV galvanized steel double-circuit transmission line with co-located 46kV line



Photograph Location: Viewing southeast off Quail Creek Community Golf Course. Photo point is approximately 0.9 mile from nearest transmission line.



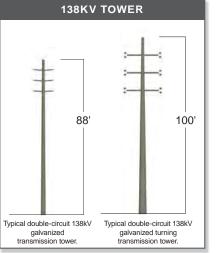


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Rosemont Copper Transmission Line Project Simulation 4 - Alternative 4





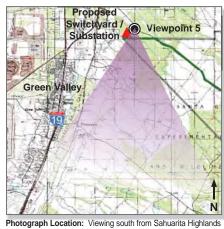
Existing Condition – Sahuarita Highlands residences along East Broadwater Way, Santa Rita Road, and Santa Rita Mountains



Simulated Condition – Proposed 138kV corten steel single-circuit transmission lines

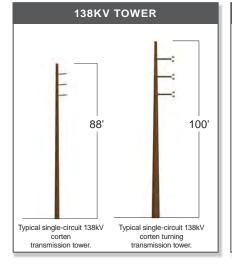


Simulated Condition – Proposed 138kV galvanized steel single-circuit transmission lines



on East Broadwater Way toward Santa Rita Road.

Photo point is approximately 0.50 mile from nearest transmission line.



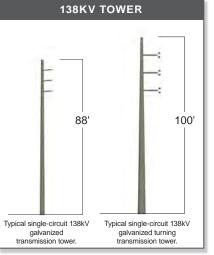


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Simulation 5 - Preferred Route
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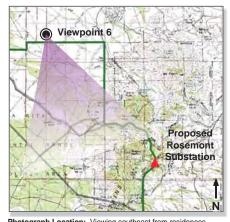
Existing Condition – Residences near Corona de Tucson, north of S. Kolb Road with views of the Santa Rita Experimental Range and Santa Rita Mountains



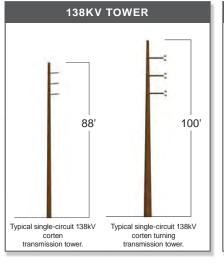
Simulated Condition – Proposed 138kV corten steel single-circuit transmission line



Simulated Condition - Proposed 138kV galvanized steel single-circuit transmission line



Photograph Location: Viewing southeast from residences, north of S. Kolb Road, toward the Santa Rita Mountains. Photo point is approximately 0.2 mile from nearest transmission line.



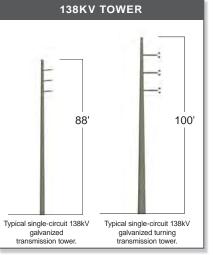
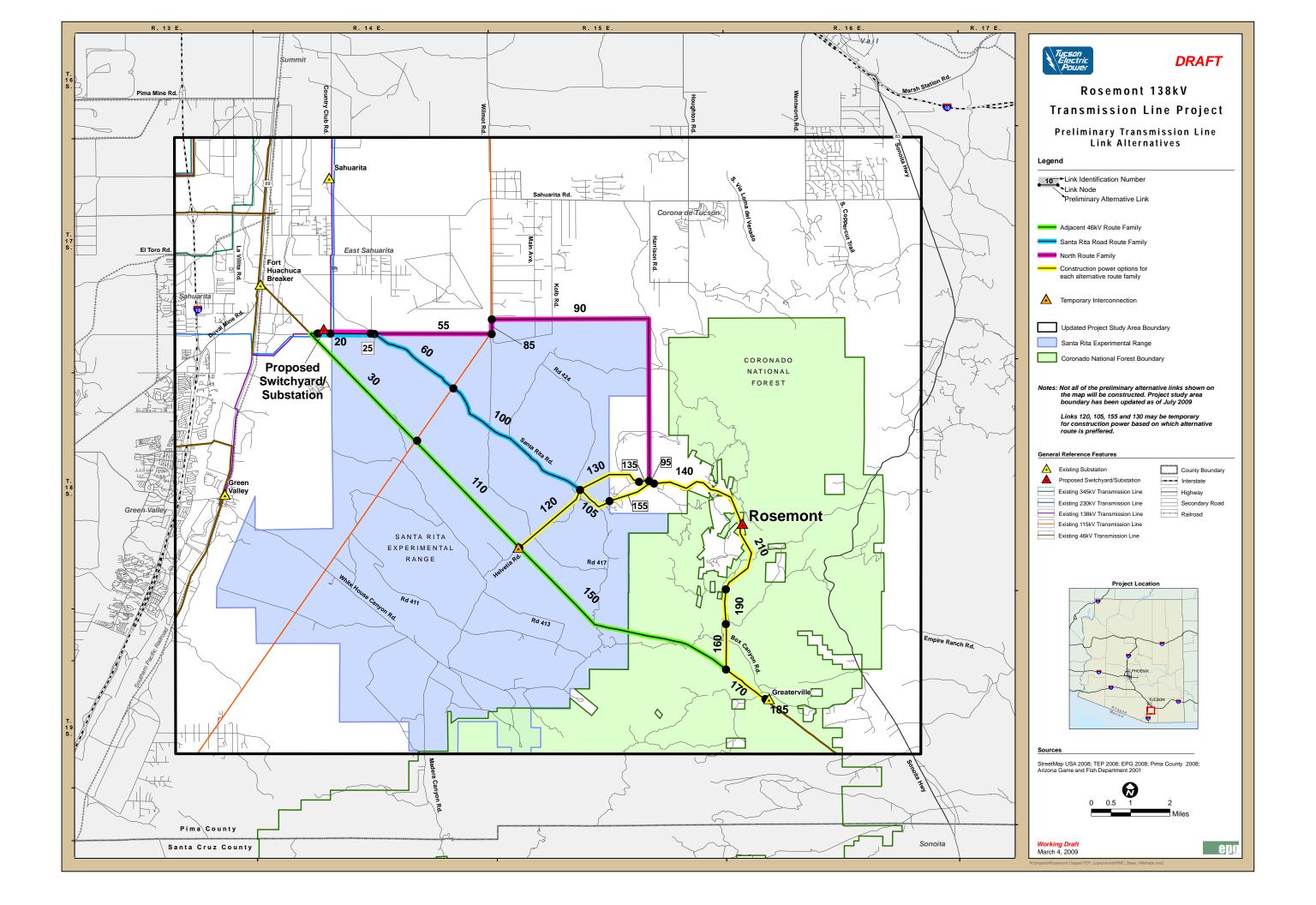


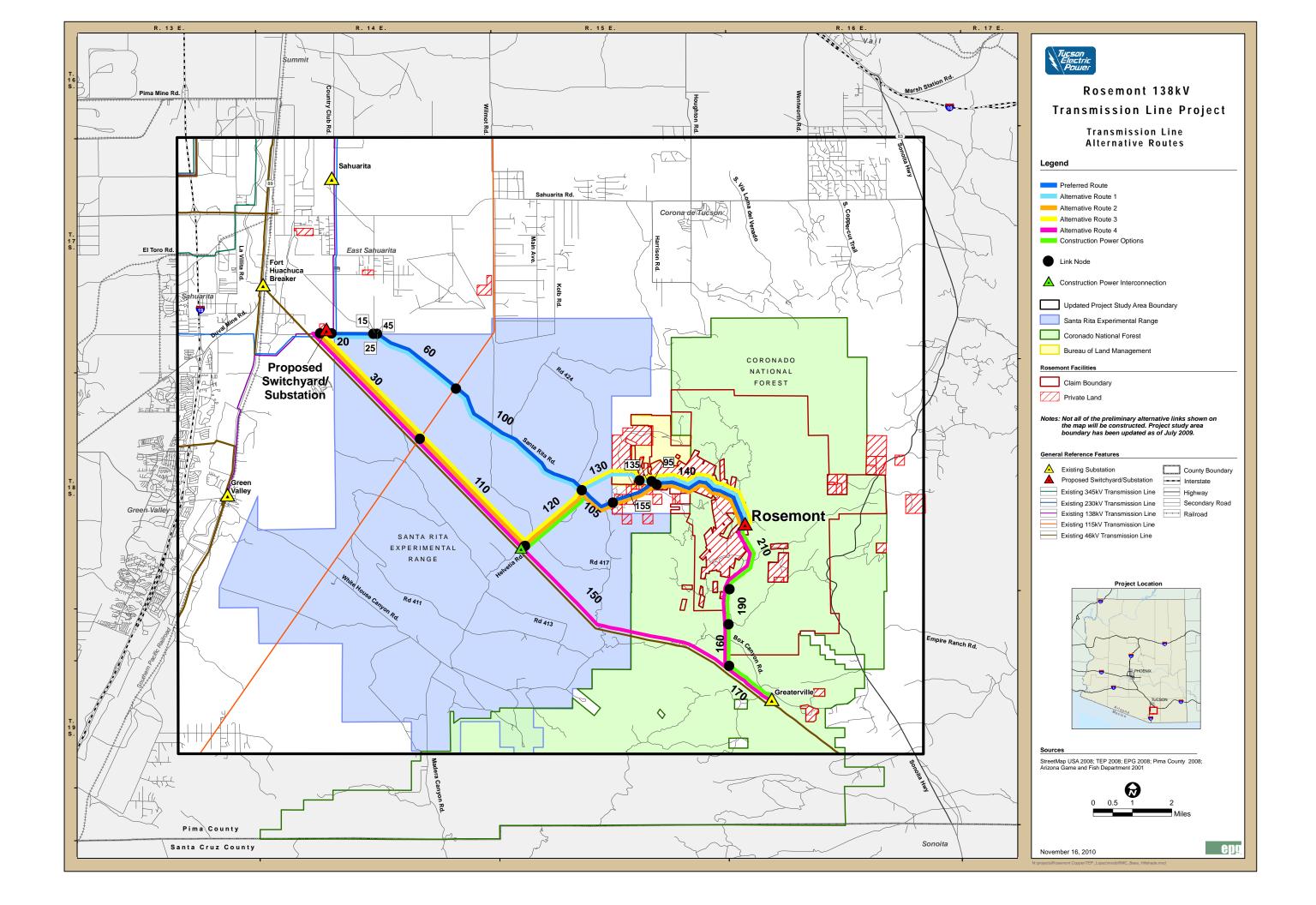
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Simulation 6 - Northern Route
Option 3 (Eliminated)
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Alternative Routes Summary Table

		Approximate Length (in miles)				
Alternative Routes	Links Included	Permanent Power	Construction Power*	Route Considerations		
Preferred Route	20, 25, 60, 100, 105, 155, 140, 170*, 160*, 190*, 210*	12.9	5.3 (separate from permanent power route)	 Permanent line co-located with proposed water pipeline Preferred by Santa Rita Experimental Range and Arizona State Land Department Santa Rita Road designated scenic route by Pima County (February 2010) Residences near link 155 		
Alternative 1	20, 25, 60, 100, 130, 135, 95, 140, 170*, 160*, 190*, 210*	12.8	5.3 (separate from permanent power route)	 Permanent line co-located with proposed water pipeline Majority of route supported by Santa Rita Experimental Range and Arizona State Land Department, with the exception of link 130 Santa Rita Road designated scenic route by Pima County (February 2010) Link 130, 135: new corridor, no co-location with pipeline, farther from residences 		
Alternative 2	30, 110, 120*, 105*, 155*, 140*	15.1	7.2 (common with permanent power route)	 Co-located with and replaces 46kV structures to link 120 Requires new access for a portion of link 120 and temporary disturbance for interconnection 		
Alternative 3	30, 110, 120*, 130*, 135*, 95*, 140*	15	7.1 (common with permanent power route)	 Co-located with and replaces 46kV structures to link 120 Requires new access for a portion of link 120 and temporary disturbance for interconnection Co-located with proposed water pipeline at Santa Rita Road Santa Rita Experimental Range concern for impacts associated with link 120 and 130, as well as links 30 and 110, prefers co-location with proposed pipeline Link 130, 135: new corridor, no co-location with pipeline, farther from residences 		
Alternative 4	30, 110, 150, 170*, 160*, 190*, 210*	19.5	5.3 (common with permanent power route)	 Co-located with and replaces 46kV structures to Greaterville Preferred by Town of Sahuarita Coronado National Forest stated least preferred for visual impacts 		

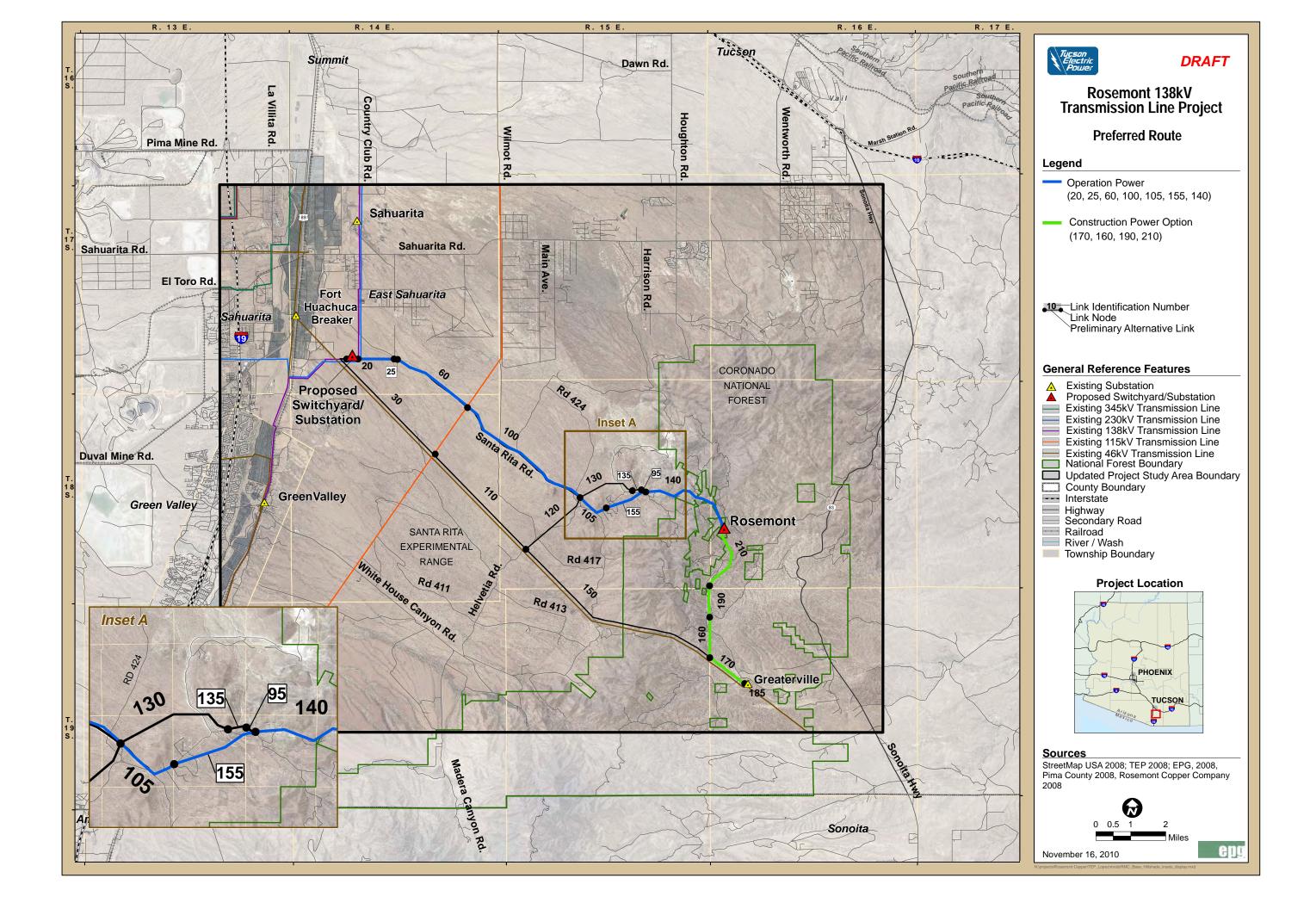
^{*}Connection for construction power

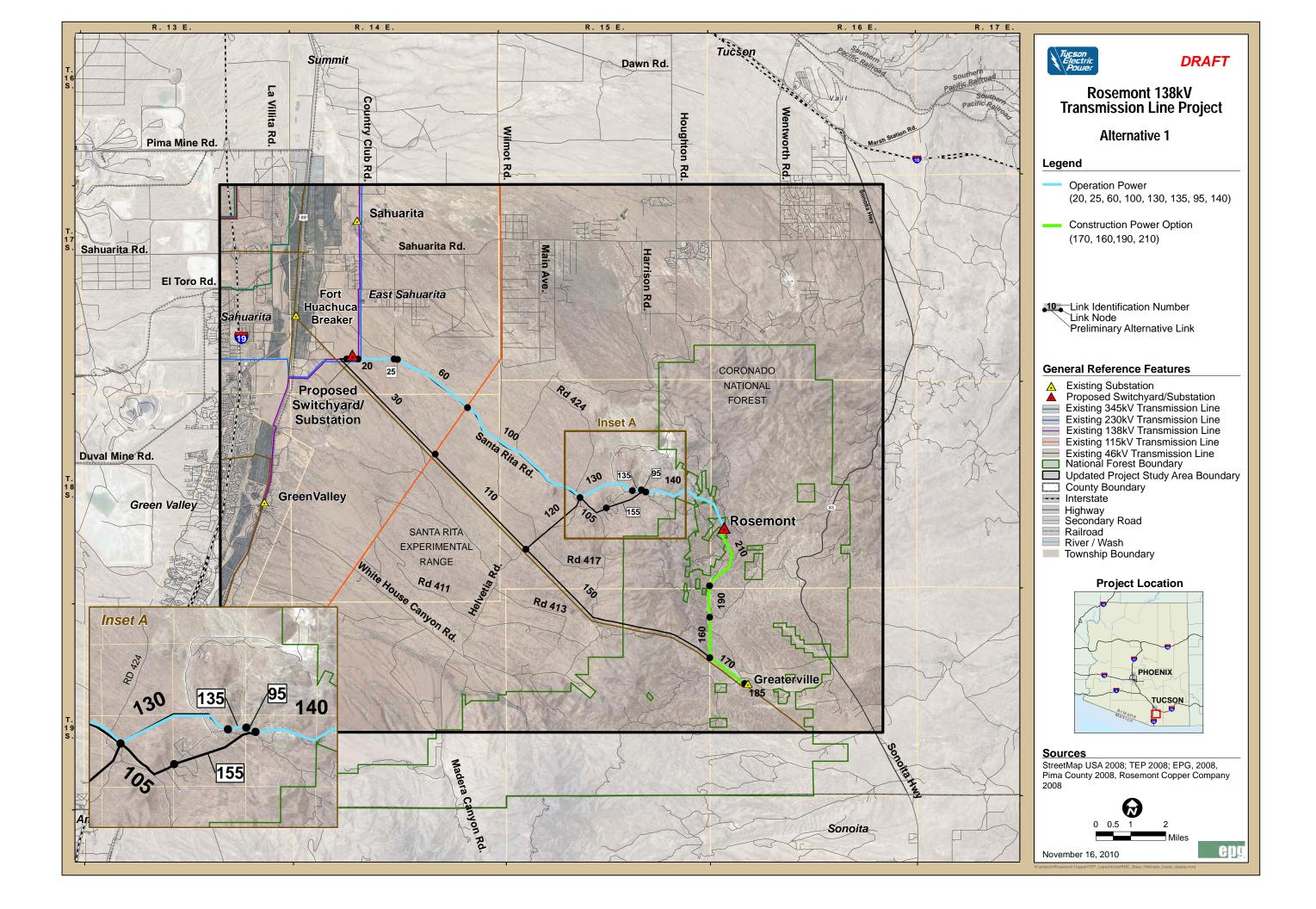
Alternative Routes Recommended to be Carried Forward

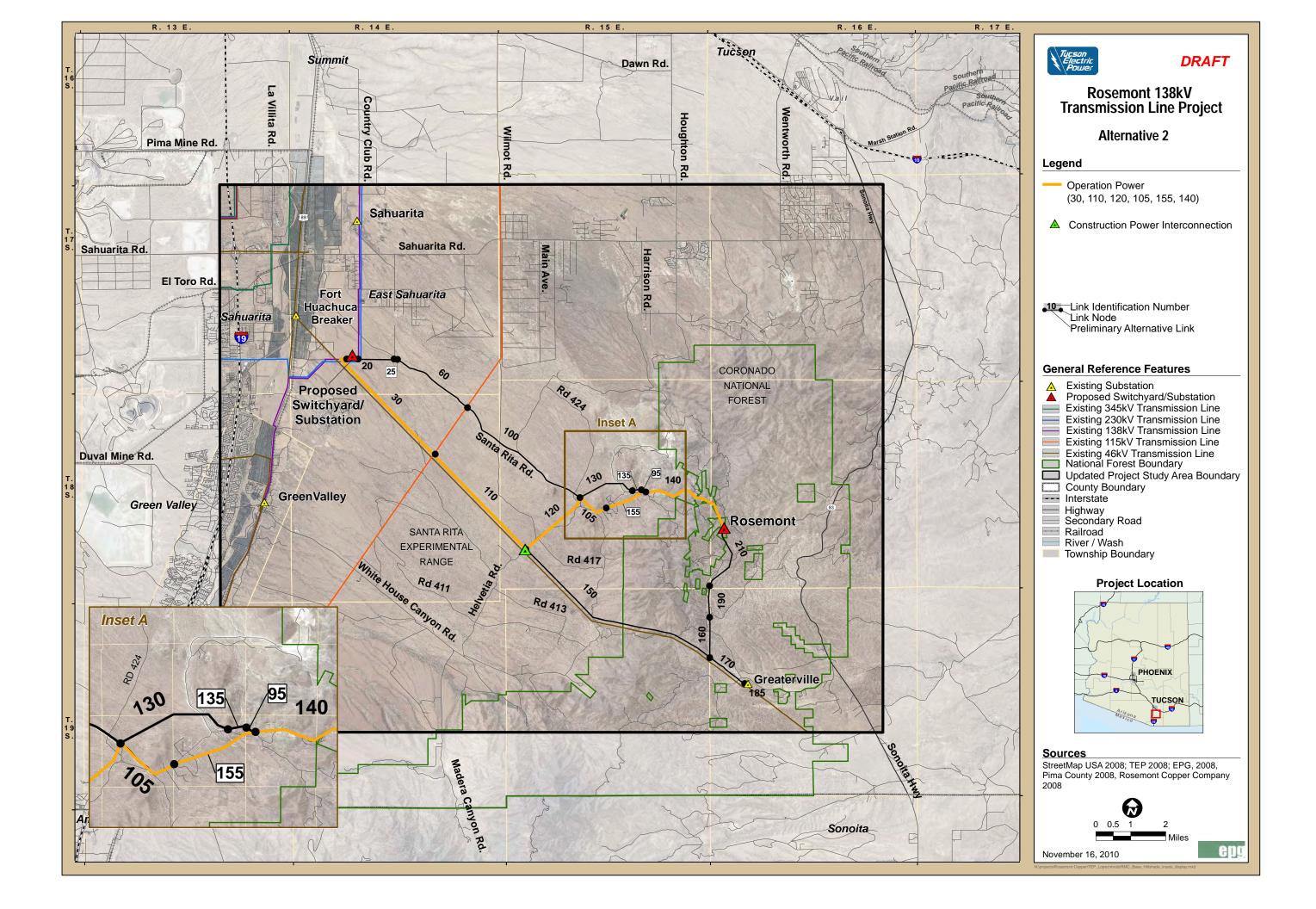
- Preferred Route (Santa Rita Road option 1)
 - Uses links 105, 155, Greaterville for construction interconnection
- Alternative 1 (Santa Rita Road option 3)
 - Uses links 130, 135, Greaterville for construction interconnection
- Alternative 2 (Adjacent 46kV Line option 1)
 - Uses links 105,155, Helvetia Road/46kV for construction interconnection
- Alternative 3 (Adjacent 46kV Line option 2)
 - Uses links 120,130,135, Helvetia/46kV for construction interconnection
- Alternative 4 (Adjacent 46kV Line option 4)
 - Uses link 150, Greaterville for construction interconnection

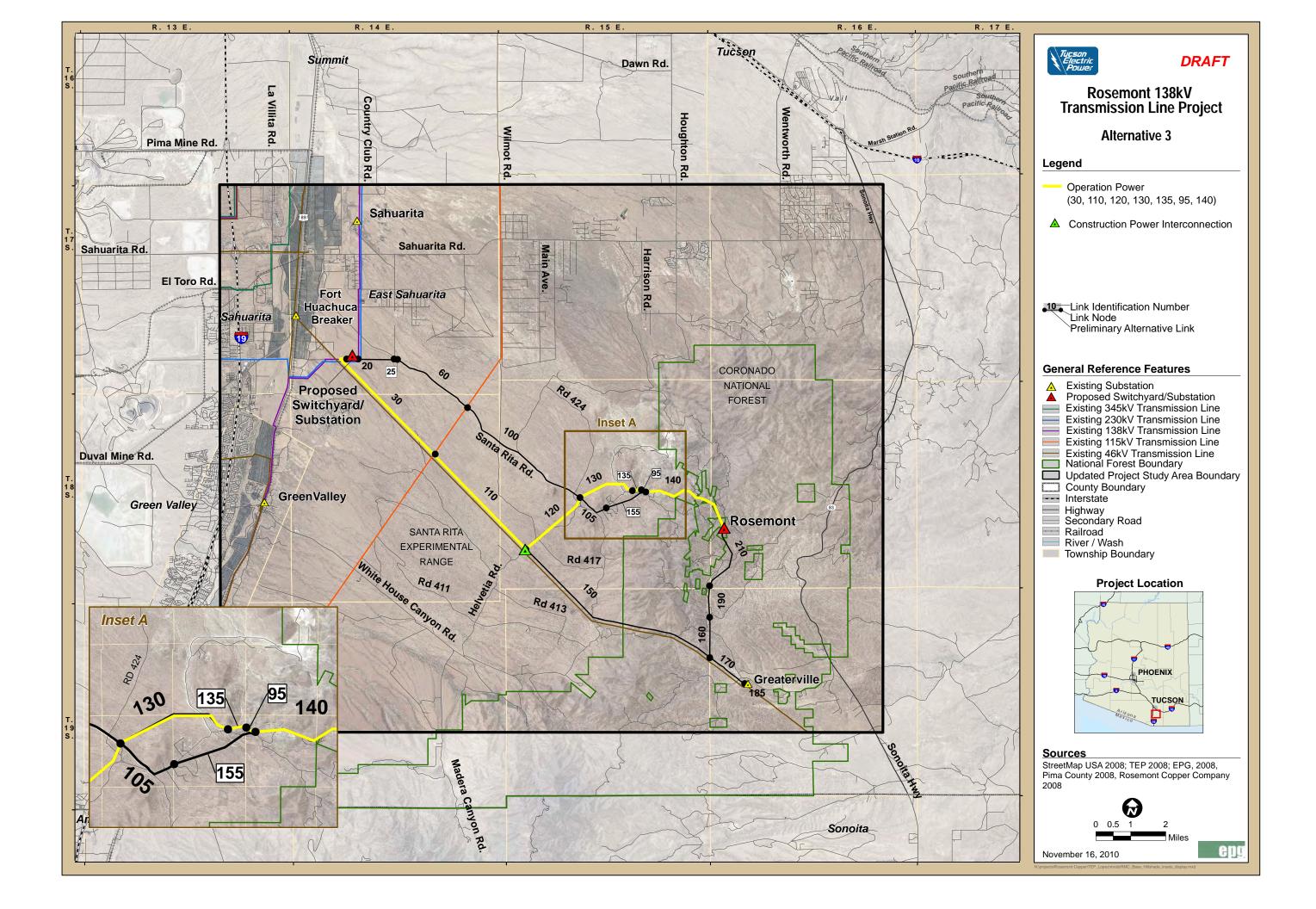


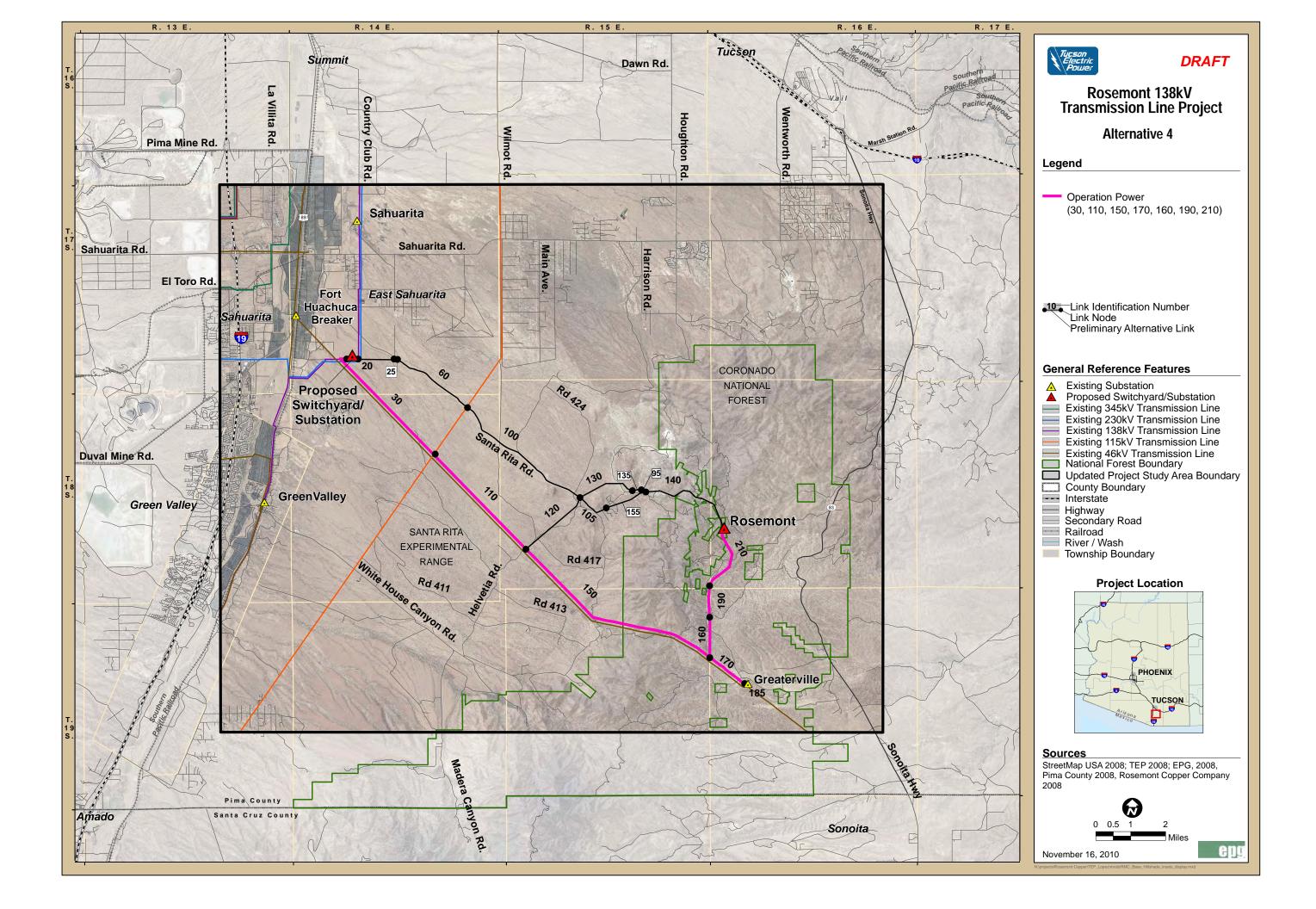






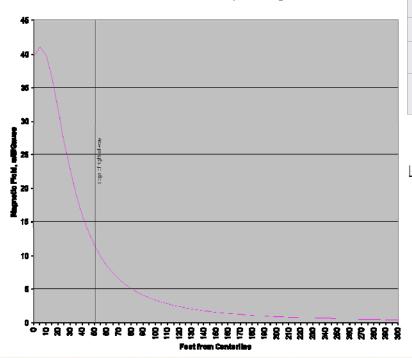






Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

130 kV ENF, Vertical Config



EMF STRENGTH OF VARIOUS ELECTRICAL SOURCES AT VARIOUS DISTANCES										
EMF Source ¹	Distance	Strength	Distance	Strength	Distance	Strength				
Microwave Oven	0.5 feet	200 mG	1.0 feet	4 mG	4.0 feet	2 mG				
Vacuum Cleaner	0.5 feet	300 mG	1.0 feet	60 mG	4.0 feet	1 mG				
Hair Dryer	0.5 feet	300 mG	1.0 feet	1 mG	4.0 feet	0 mG				
Electric Shaver	0.5 feet	100 mG	1.0 feet	20 mG	4.0 feet	0 mG				
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vertical ²	0 feet	40 mG	50 feet	11 mG	300 feet	0.4 mG				

¹ Appliance magnetic field strengths are median values in milliGauss (mG) for typical 60 Hz electric current (source: USNIEHS, DOE 1995)

Additional EMF information resources are available from:

Environmental Health Information Service: http://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf/

World Health Organization: www.who.int/emf





Magnetic Field

² 138kV power-line right-of-way is 100 ft wide, 0 feet values represent directly below the lines at lowest point of sag.

Agency and Public Participation Activities

- Agency briefings
- Stakeholder group meetings
- Field trip
- Public open house meetings
- Community briefings
- Newsletters
- Telephone information line
- Website (TEP)





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Public Participation Opportunities

- Public open house meetings
- Telephone information line (866) 632-5944
- TEP website: www.tep.com/company/news/rosemont
- Arizona siting committee FAQs website:

www.cc.state.az.us/Divisions/Utilities/Electric/LineSiting-FAQs.asp

- Media briefings
- Comment forms





Comments

- Your comments will be reviewed and incorporated into the siting process.
- A court reporter is available tonight to record in writing your verbal comments on the proposed project, if you desire.
- Comments may also be submitted on the comment forms provided at the open house meetings or submitted electronically at the TEP website. Please submit comments by December 6, 2010.



TEP Decision Elements

- Purpose and need
- Environmental analysis
- Public/agency input
- Permits
- Engineering analysis
- Ability to obtain right-of-way
- Overall cost





Next Steps

- Finalize routes to be carried forward in CEC application
- File CEC application first quarter
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