

Navajo Nation 345-Kilovolt Transmission Line Right-of-Way Renewal McKinley and San Juan Counties, New Mexico



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Land Right Renewal with no Changes in Use

Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) has operated a 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission system on Navajo Nation (the Nation) lands for the past 50 years, providing electric service to the Tucson, Arizona metropolitan area and transmission services to electric service providers in New Mexico. In 1973, the Nation granted 102 miles of right-of-way (ROW) for the construction and operation of 345kV transmission lines and related wireless telecommunication sites in McKinley and San Juan counties, New Mexico.

TEP has applied for a renewal of the ROW, and over the past three years, has worked with the Nation to conduct biological and cultural resources studies to ensure a well-documented inventory of resources. For additional information on the project, please visit our project webpage at tep.com/navajo-345-right-of-way, or please scan the QR code in the lower right of this page.

Activities in Support of Granting Renewal

TEP completed biological resource surveys, cultural resource studies, a land survey, and a land appraisal to support the issuance of a new Grant of ROW for the existing 345kV electric transmission line across Navajo Nation lands. Additionally, TEP prepared an Environmental Assessment and received a Finding of No Significant Impact from U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

TEP is currently coordinating with the Navajo Nation General Land Development Department and has submitted the Navajo Nation's 164 application, along with resource studies, land survey, results of community engagement efforts and plans for grazing permittee outreach.

Community Engagement

TEP met with each of the 14 Chapters listed in the sidebar and received Supporting Resolutions from all with recommendations for scholarship payments. TEP continues to conduct community engagement with grazing permittees and officials for consent to the ROW. TEP has nearly completed negotiations with allottees and other individual land interest holders to obtain their consent to the ROW renewal as required by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Navajo Nation.

TEP and the Navajo Nation continue to collaborate and have both shown a long-term commitment to reliable and sustainable energy infrastructure in the region

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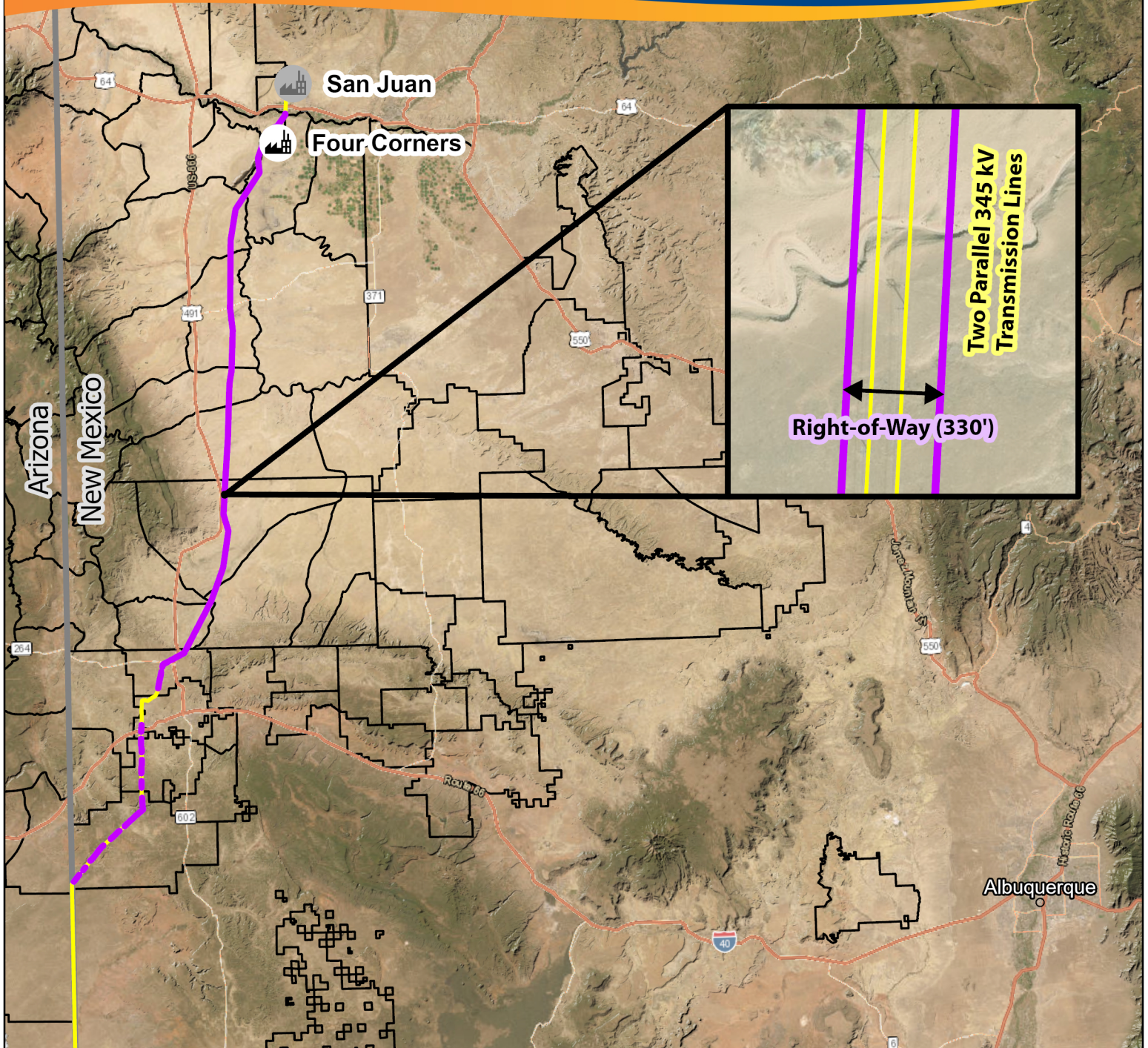
- San Juan
- Sheep Springs
- Twin Lakes
- Hogback
- Naschitti
- Rock Springs
- Nenahnezad
- Tohatchi
- Red Rock
- Sanostee
- Mexican Springs
- Chichiltah
- Newcomb
- Coyote Canyon

Project Updates

Scan the QR Code
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project webpage
for more information.



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Four Corners Generation Site
(Fully Retired by 2031)



San Juan Generation Site
(Retired 2017)



TEP 345 kV Transmission Lines



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Navajo Nation Chapters

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Sources: Esri, UNS, TEP, BLM,
and US Census TIGER.
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