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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) is the licensee, owner and operator of the Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project) (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 1394). The Project is located on Bishop Creek in Inyo County, California, approximately 5 miles southwest of the city of Bishop (Figure 1-1). SCE operates the Project under a 30-year license issued by FERC on July 19, 1994. As the current license is due to expire on June 30, 2024, SCE has initiated the formal relicensing process utilizing the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) by filing the Notification of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) with FERC on XXXX.

In advance of filing the NOI and PAD, SCE worked with stakeholders to identify necessary studies, with the goal of accelerating FERC's ability to issue a Study Plan Determination. Efforts began over 1 year before formal initiation of the process with FERC, through a series of Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings held in Bishop, California.

During these TWG meetings, stakeholders identified the need to conduct a Recreation Use and Needs (RUN) Study to evaluate current recreation use and future recreation needs for the Project. This Study Plan details SCE's proposal for study objectives, study area, methods and a schedule for the effort. Appendix A is a consultation summary of discussions specific to this Study Plan, along with a table that summarizing stakeholders' comments on previously reviewed versions, and how SCE addressed those comments. Should SCE not incorporate a comment or request, SCE will provide rationale based on Project specific information and FERC ILP Study Plan criteria.

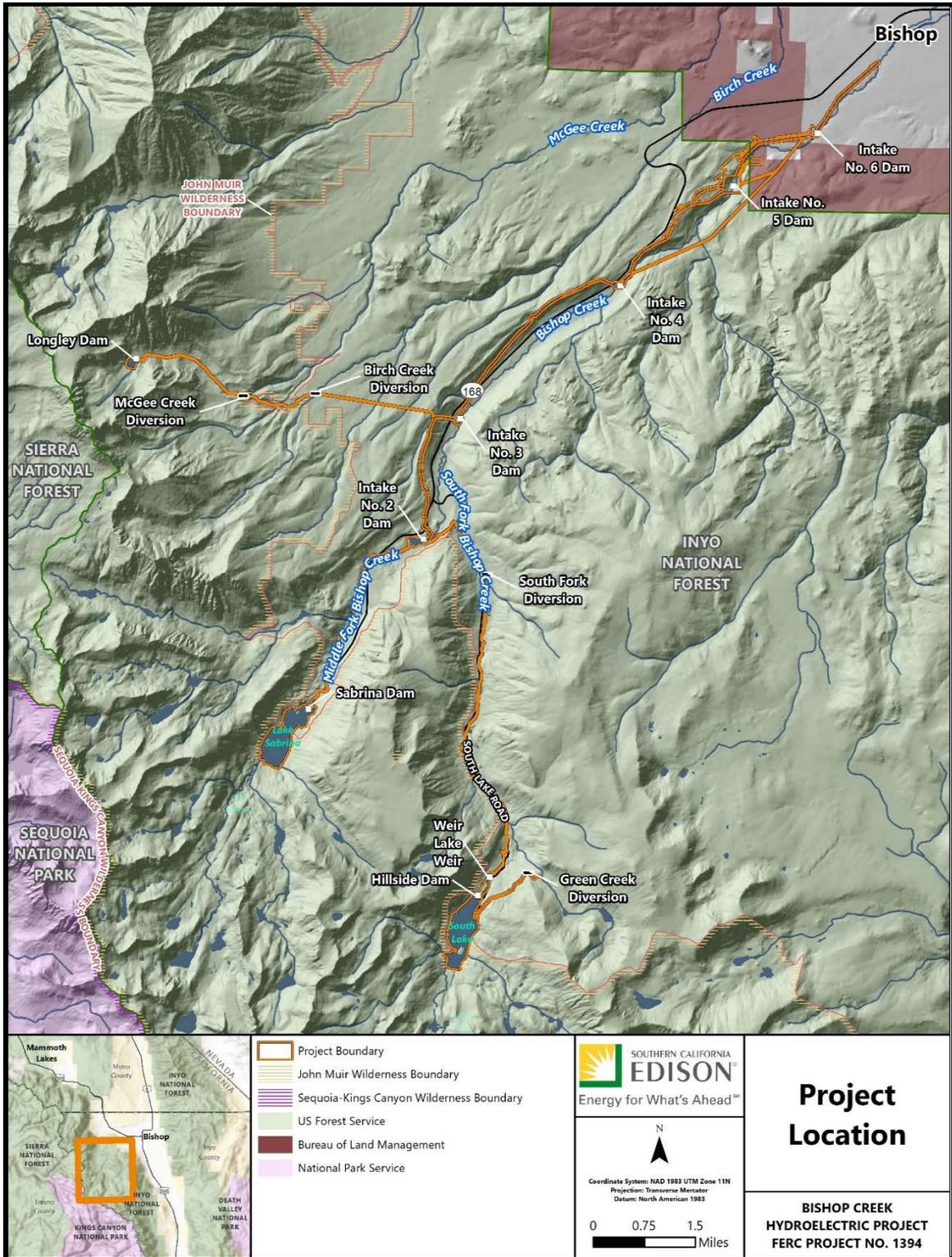


FIGURE 1-1 PROJECT LOCATION MAP

2.0 PROJECT NEXUS

Most recreation within or adjacent to the Project is located within the Inyo National Forest (National Forest). Therefore, the Forest Service has Federal Power Act Section 4(e) conditioning authority to prescribe conditions that may mitigate the impact of hydropower projects on National Forest System lands. Beyond the assessment of amenities within the Project boundary and required by the current license, it is also reasonable to include other Forest Service recreation sites that intersect or are immediately adjacent to the Project boundary, that may have been induced or could be indirectly affected by the presence of the Project. Further, trout angling is an important recreational activity occurring within the Project boundary, most notably at Project reservoirs and along portions of Bishop Creek. To the extent that Project operations induce or affect angling in the area, it is reasonable to include those sites in this study.

3.0 STUDY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This study plan includes the following goals and objectives:

- Characterize existing recreation use and needs (RUNs)
 - Conduct a basic inventory of facilities and amenities at each study site
 - Compile existing use data for historic and current use patterns
 - Identify current patterns of use (type, volume and daily)
 - Identify current patterns of public access to recreation opportunities
 - Survey to determine current user needs and preferences
- Characterize existing RUNs of anglers in the study area
 - Compile existing use data for historic and current use patterns
 - Target anglers to determine current angler timing, demographics, effort, harvest, composition and success
 - Estimate catch-per-unit effort by species
- Evaluate adequacy of existing recreation opportunities to meet current needs
 - Determine the carrying capacity of existing recreation opportunities
 - Assess the suitability of facilities to provide universal access to recreation opportunities, where feasible
 - Assess the adequacy of existing public safety measures near Project features

- Estimate future Project-related recreational demand and needs
 - Estimate future use, demand and capacity
 - Assess the need for expansion or alteration of existing recreation facilities
- Ensure that future Project facilities and operations are not inconsistent with the Desired Conditions described in the “Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest” (USDA 2018).

4.0 REVIEW OF EXISTING INFORMATION

This Study Plan will review and incorporate existing information related to RUNs identified at the Project. The following is a brief description of studies and reports to be analyzed as part of this study:

1) *2015 Licensed Hydropower Development Recreation Report, FERC Form No. 80 (SCE 2015a)*

Pursuant to 18 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) §8.11, the FERC Form No. 80 (Form 80) is designed to document overall recreation use of Project lands and waters at each development, as well as recreation use at all publicly available recreation amenities within the FERC Project boundary. In 2014, SCE collected recreational use data at recreation facilities within the Bishop Creek FERC Project boundary to estimate annual use, peak season use, peak weekend use and capacity utilization of each amenity. SCE filed its most recent Form 80 reports on March 26, 2015, reporting recreational use data for the 2014 calendar year at Intake No. 2, Lake Sabrina and South Lake.

2) *2014 SCE Recreation Use Study Report for Eastern Hydro Division (SCE 2015a)*

The main purpose of SCE’s 2014 report was to gather the necessary data to complete the required Form 80 report. This report, however, goes into further detail and discusses more recreation sites than required by the Form 80 report.

3) *2015 California Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CDPR 2015)*

According to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), California Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) “provides a strategy for

statewide outdoor recreation leadership and action to meet the state’s identified outdoor recreation needs” (CDPR 2015). While the 2015 SCORP does not offer specific data regarding current and future recreation needs, the following two reports are essential elements used in its development that provide information relevant to strategies and action priorities in the Sierra Planning Area: 2012 Survey on Public Opinions and Attitudes on Outdoor Recreation in California Complete Findings (CDPR 2014); and Outdoor Recreation in California’s Regions 2013 (CDPR 2013).

4) *2016 National Visitor Use Monitoring Report for Inyo National Forest (USFS 2018d)*

The National Visitor Use Monitoring Program (NVUM) has two goals: 1) produce estimates of the volume of recreation visitation to national forests and grasslands and 2) produce descriptive information about visitation, including activity participation, demographics, visit duration, measures of satisfaction and trip spending connected to the visit (USFS 2018d). The most recent visitor use report for the Inyo National Forest was updated on January 21, 2018, and summarizes data collected during fiscal year 2016.

5) *Inyo National Forest Special Use Permits and Concessionaire Data*

Data collected by the Inyo National Forest regarding management of recreation sites, specifically campgrounds and issuance of wilderness permits for dispersed use will be a valuable resource in establishing existing use in the Project area.

6) *Inyo National Forest Alternative Transportation System Study (USDA 2013)*

Transportation, parking and visitor use data for the Bishop Creek Basin study, performed in 2011 will be used as historical use data, to compare with the results of this study.

7) *Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest (USDA 2018)*

- a. The Desired Conditions described in the Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest (USDA 2018) will be assessed within the context of this study.

8) *California Department of Fish and Wildlife Stocking and Historic Creel Survey Data*

- a. Very little recent or historical creel census data has been collected in the Project area. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) conducted occasional surveys, most recently in North Lake in 2015 (local to, but not within the Project boundary). Prior to that the most recent survey data available are from the South Fork Bishop Creek from August 1981. This Study Plan will build on the general format of past CDFW creel surveys by expanding the amount of user information obtained so that the timing and spatial distribution of angler use among Project facilities can be portrayed.

The study will analyze relevant management plans for the area, including: Inyo County General Plan (IC 2001), Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest (USDA 2018), and the Bureau of Land Management's Bishop Resource Management Plan Record of Decision (BLM 1993).

5.0 STUDY AREA

The study area for general RUNs surveys will include all recreation facilities within the current Project boundary, as well as certain other Forest Service recreation sites that intersect or are immediately adjacent to the Project boundary. In addition to indirectly surveying recreationists for angling activities at the sites discussed above, certain areas and efforts will specifically target anglers, including South Lake, Lake Sabrina Intake No. 2 Recreation Areas and Forks, Big Trees and Four Jeffreys Campgrounds. Table 5-1 below summarizes the specific sites to be studied.

TABLE 5-1 SURVEY SITES

Site ID¹	Name	General Recreation Survey	Creel Survey
<i>Middle Fork Bishop Creek</i>			
MF01	Lake Sabrina Recreation Area ¹	✓	✓
MF02	Sabrina Campground	✓	
MF03	Bishop Park Campground	✓	
MF04	Bishop Park Group Campground	✓	
MF05	Intake No. 2 Campground	✓	
MF06	Intake No. 2 Recreation Area ¹	✓	✓
MF07	Forks Campground	✓	✓
MF08	Big Trees Campground	✓	✓
<i>South Fork Bishop Creek</i>			
SF01	South Lake Recreation Area ¹	✓	✓
SF02	Green Creek Diversion (informal trail use)	✓	
SF03	La Hupp Picnic Area	✓	
SF04	Willow Campground	✓	
SF05	Tyee Day Use Area	✓	
SF06	Table Mt Group Campground	✓	
SF07	Mountain Glen Campground	✓	
SF08	Four Jeffrey Campground	✓	✓
<i>Bishop Creek</i>			
BC01	Bitterbrush Campground	✓	
BC02	Little Egypt Area (informal access to climbing area)	✓	
<i>McGee Creek</i>			
MC01	Longley Lake Trailhead	✓	
¹ Note: The only Project-required recreation facilities are the South Lake boat ramp, Lake Sabrina boat ramp, and Intake No. 2 fishing platforms (SCE 2014). All other facilities are non-Project.			

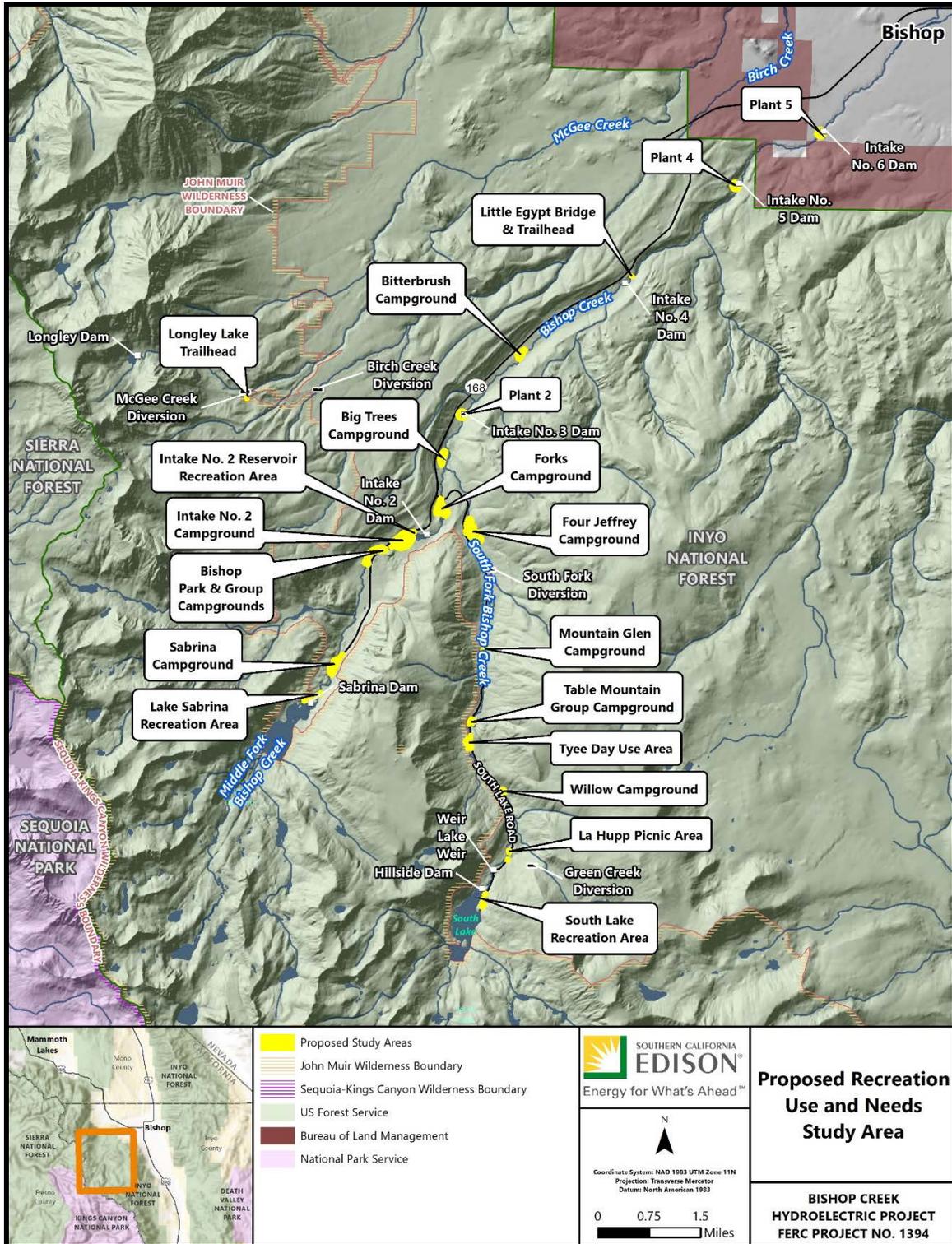


FIGURE 5-1 PROPOSED RECREATION USE AND NEEDS STUDY AREA

6.0 METHODS

To accomplish the goals and objectives of this study, SCE is proposing a variety of data collection techniques to compile both historic and current recreation use and needs patterns for the Project. Historic use patterns will be determined by analyzing the studies, reports, and management plans described in Section 4.0 of this Study Plan. Current use and needs information will be collected through a general recreation site inventory, spot counts, traffic counter data, recreation surveys and creel surveys. A description of each collection technique is provided below.

6.1 GENERAL RECREATION SURVEYS

Visitor surveys will be conducted using a survey form (Appendix C) at each general recreation survey site listed in Table 5-1 to collect recreation user characteristics (e.g., origin, gender, age and group size), satisfaction, type of activities, length of stay and perception of crowdedness, site conditions, fees and site needs. The data collected will be used to provide a general pattern of recreation use (type, volume, and daily) and assist in the development of recreation use estimates for the Project area. The data will provide recreation user inputs on “crowdedness” and potential facility needs.

Each general recreation survey site will be surveyed at least 2 weekdays, 2 non-peak weekend days and 2 peak weekend days (i.e., Memorial Day weekend, Independence Day weekend, and Labor Day weekend) during the recreation season. Sites used for winter recreation will be surveyed at least 2 weekdays and 2 weekend days during the winter recreation season. Winter surveys will be taken only at Intake No. 2 Recreation Area and at each road closure to both South Lake and Lake Sabrina.

All survey clerks for both the general recreation surveys and creel surveys discussed below will be trained thoroughly as a means of quality control. Survey clerks will be provided with detailed information on the study schedule, appropriate materials to aid in data collection and direction on appropriate interviewing techniques and attire.

6.2 CREEL SURVEYS

Creel surveys will be conducted using a field data sheet (Appendix D) at each creel survey site listed in Table 5-1 to collect angler characteristics (e.g., origin, gender, age and group size), determine current angler timing, effort, harvest, composition, success, and an estimate of catch-per-unit effort by species.

Creel surveys will be conducted at least monthly on weekends during angling season (approximately May to October) with the intent of spending at least 1 hour at each designated survey point. Additional surveys may be opportunistically conducted by survey clerks encountering anglers while performing other studies such as the general recreation surveys. The objective will be to complete a combined total of at least 50 surveys at creel survey sites during the field season.

6.3 GENERAL RECREATION SITE INVENTORY

A basic inventory of general recreation facilities will be conducted using a facilities inventory form (Appendix B) at each recreation site listed in Table 5-1 in conjunction with initial survey activities. The type, number, and size of facilities (including campsites, restrooms, parking areas, boat ramps and picnic tables) will be summarized and included in the final summary report.

6.4 SPOT COUNTS

Spot counts will be conducted at each recreation site listed in Table 5-1 in conjunction with the general recreation surveys outlined in Section 6.1. Spot counts will allow for documentation of the number of vehicles and trailers at each parking area as a means of estimating the number of users currently at the site along with weather, time, and license plate data.

6.5 TRAFFIC COUNTERS

Where traffic counters are currently installed to record the number of vehicles that enter and exit the recreation sites, a minimum of 1 year of traffic counter data will be collected and analyzed to help determine use and patterns of public access at the site.

6.6 ANALYSIS AND REPORTING

The following sections provide a description of the approach to estimating existing and future recreational use, recreation site capacity and use density percentages, and recreation needs. A report will be prepared documenting the analysis results. The report will include a summary of all collected information and discussion of the analyses described below. The report will address all applicable Desired Conditions, Goals, Standards, and Guidelines of the Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest (USDA 2018).

Current Recreation Use and Density Estimates

Average recreation use will be calculated utilizing spot counts, traffic counters and general recreation and creel survey data. For vehicle estimates, it will be assumed, on average, a total party size per vehicle of two people. Estimates will be categorized by site; site type; activity based on weekday, weekend, holiday, morning, afternoon or evening use as well as by monthly total use. For the purposes of this study, the carrying capacity for a recreation site is defined as the number of vehicles and boat trailers that can be parked at a recreation site at one time, based on the number of available parking spaces associated with the particular site. For paved parking lots, this will be achieved by counting the number of designated parking spaces available at the recreation site. For unmarked parking, maximum vehicle space will be estimated. Use density at each site will be estimated based on the average number of vehicles observed divided by the parking capacity of that site.

Future Recreation Use Estimates

Estimated projections of future recreation use will be developed using the average annual increase in population growth over the past 10 years, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. These estimates will be augmented with discussion of trends reported in the 2015 SCORP (CDPR 2015), 2016 National Visitor Use Monitoring Report for Inyo National Forest (USFS 2018d), and Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest (USDA 2018). Estimated projections will be provided in 5-year intervals for the anticipated term of the license up to 50 years into the future.

While it is acknowledged that future changes in the supply of recreation resources, either in their quantity, accessibility and/or quality may influence future demand and use, the demand analysis undertaken for this study does not attempt to predict future changes or how they might specifically affect levels of use at Project facilities. Therefore, the demand analysis results should be viewed as a general guide of potential future recreation pressure developed for planning purposes only.

Recreation Needs Assessment

Estimates of future Project-related recreational demand and needs will rely on the results provided by the recreation use assessment and visitor surveys for user preferences and opinions on needs and crowding.

The need for new recreation opportunities, new site development or modification of existing recreation resources will be assessed based on the results of facility condition assessments, site capacity estimates and user surveys that provide user preferences and opinions on needs and crowding at each site and the Project area as a whole. Based on these results, recommendations will be proposed to address future Project facilities and operations, consistent with the Desired Conditions described in the Land Management Plan for the Inyo National Forest (USDA 2018), to then be discussed with the Recreation TWG.

7.0 SCHEDULE AND REPORTING

The anticipated Study Plan development and implementation schedule is identified in Table 7-1.

TABLE 7-1 ANTICIPATED POST PAD AND NOI STUDY PLAN DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES AND FERC PROCESS THROUGH STUDY PLAN DETERMINATION

TASK	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY	SCHEDULE MILESTONES
File NOI/PAD with FERC along with Final Study Plans	SCE	03/29/19
FERC Holds Scoping and Site Visit	FERC	05/30/19 – 06/29/19
FERC Director’s Study Plan Determination	FERC	01/10/20 - 02/09/20
First Field Season	SCE	2020
Initial Study Report (adjust as necessary in consultation with TWGs)	SCE	01/10/21 - 02/09/21
Second Field Season (as necessary)	SCE	2021

TASK	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY	SCHEDULE MILESTONES
Final Study Report	SCE	2022
License Application	SCE	June 2022

8.0 REFERENCES

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APPENDIX A
Study Plan Consultation Record

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Study Plan Consultation Record

This Study Plan was developed in consultation with the Bishop Creek Recreation and Land-Use Technical Working Group (TWG). The intent of the consultation process is to achieve consensus, to the degree possible, on the need for specific studies, the key resource questions to be addressed by the studies, and the appropriate methodology and level of effort for the study.

This appendix summarizes the key consultation milestones for each Study Plan (Table A-1), and how Southern California Edison Company (SCE) addressed comments received through the consultation process. Table A-2 is a Response to Comments Table for comments received from stakeholders, and how comments were addressed in the final Study Plan. Where stakeholder comments requests have not been incorporated, Table A-2 provides a rationale based on Project specific information and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Study Plan Criteria (18 Code of Federal Regulation [CFR] § 5.9).

**TABLE A-1 Key Study Plan Development Milestones
and Technical Work Group Planning Schedule**

DELIVERABLE	MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED	MEETING TYPE	DATES	PROPOSED DATES FOR COMMENTS
Project Description	5/25/2018	TWG	6/4/2018, 6/5/2018, and 6/7/2018	7/9/2018
Annotated Study Plans, Goals, Objectives	7/26/2018	TWG	8/14/2018 and 8/15/2018	8/31/2018
Draft Study Plans	9/17/2018	TWG	10/9/2018 to 10/11/2018	10/26/2018
Final Study Plans	11/15/2018	TWG	12/4/2018 to 12/6/2018	1/7/2019

TABLE A-2 SCE Responses to Comments Received on Study Plans

COMMENT NO.	DATE OF COMMENT	ENTITY	COMMENT	SCE RESPONSE
1	8/31/2018	Tristan Leong, US Forest Service	Inventory should include dispersed recreation use adjacent to developed sites, those not directly adjacent (e.g., roadside parking and access trails around reservoirs, dispersed camping at reservoirs), and those resource impacts related to this use. This use may indicate a need for additional services or facilities or change in recreation management. 200-foot buffer may not be sufficient around developed recreation sites- extend this distance as needed. Survey area needs further refinement and discussion.	SCE is ok with some focus on dispersed use, however, screening parameters should be agreed-to; not all impacts are directly related to the hydroelectric Project. SCE agrees that a 200-foot buffer is arbitrary and should be determined in consultation with the TWG. The Study Plans will be edited to more generally assess sites for dispersed use since that use may extend beyond 200 feet in some cases.
2	8/31/2018	Tristan Leong, US Forest Service	Evaluate angler effort, harvest and success in Project affected waters.	This Study Plan will be revised to include an angler survey.
3	8/29/2018	Nick Buckmaster, California Department of Fish and Wildlife	A separate assessment of angler catch/ fishery exploitation should be included (overlap with recreation TWG).	This Study Plan will be revised to include an angler survey.

COMMENT NO.	DATE OF COMMENT	ENTITY	COMMENT	SCE RESPONSE
4	8/15/2018 (TWG Meeting)	Nora Gamino, US Forest Service	<i>Paraphrased from meeting discussion:</i> McGee Creek is not included in the study area and has fewer, more remote facilities, but we may want to consider its hiking facilities and roads, which are used for both mountain biking and hiking.	Facilities or sites associated with the McGee Creek area, most notably the trailhead for Longley Lake, will be assessed for inclusion in the study area.
5	8/15/2018 (TWG Meeting)	Diana Pietrasanta, US Forest Service	<i>Paraphrased from meeting discussion:</i> User-created trails should be captured in this inventory. Specifically, there is an informal trail that extends three quarters of the way around Lake Sabrina that should be included in the study as it is not an official US Forest Service (USFS) trail and receives no maintenance money.	Trail geographic information system (GIS) data obtained from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) will be used to identify user-created trails that are not currently part of the USFS trail system and that may be Project induced. Initially, this will be a desktop exercise that will be ground-truthed and expanded as additional trails are identified.
6	10/10/2018 (TWG Meeting)	Nick Buckmaster, California Department of Fish and Wildlife	<i>Paraphrased from meeting discussion:</i> Angler surveys should be conducted at campgrounds – specifically, Forks, Big Trees, and Four Jeffrey campgrounds – rather than at intakes – Plant 2, Plant 4, and Plant 5, as proposed –to capture perspectives from stream fishermen (as opposed to those primarily using the reservoirs for fishing). Further, the angler surveys at South Lake Recreation Area should include users at Weir Lake.	This Study Plan will be revised to replace angler survey locations at Plant 2, Plant 4 and Plant 5 with survey locations at Forks, Big Trees and Four Jeffrey campgrounds. Angler surveys conducted at South Lake Recreation Area will include users at Weir Lake.

APPENDIX B
Site Inventory Form

Site Inventory Form

Inspected by: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Site Name: _____

Facility Type:

_____ Campground

_____ Day Use Area

_____ Picnic Area

_____ Trailhead

_____ Informal Site

_____ Boat Launching Area

Road Access:

_____ Paved access _____ # of lanes

_____ Unpaved access _____ # of lanes – (Circular entrance/exit)

Operations:

_____ Staffed

_____ Seasonal (From _____ To _____)

_____ Unstaffed

_____ Year Round

_____ Fee (\$)..... (Site _____; Parking; _____)

Site Amenities (indicate how many are barrier free):

#	Type	#	Type
_____	Picnic Tables	_____	Potable Water
_____	Grills	_____	Boat Fuel
_____	Fire pit/ring	_____	Trash Cans
_____	Boat Pump Out	_____	Docks
_____	Trails (specify use _____: Miles _____)	_____	Playground
_____	Shelter	_____	Showers
_____	Designated Swim Area	_____	Concession
_____	Store	_____	Marina (# of slips _____)
_____	Dumping Station	_____	Overlook
_____	Bike Path	_____	Fishing Pier

Parking Lots:

Type	# Paved	Estimated # Gravel	
Universal Access Spaces	_____	_____	_____ Spaces delineated?
Regular Spaces	_____	_____	_____ Curbs?
Vehicle & trailer spaces	_____	_____	_____ Signage?

Sanitation Facilities:

	Flush	(UA*?)	Portable	(UA?)	Showers	(UA?)
Unisex	_____	(_____)	_____	(_____)	_____	(_____)
Women	_____	(_____)	_____	(_____)	_____	(_____)
Men	_____	(_____)	_____	(_____)	_____	(_____)

*UA = Universal Access

Campground/Campsite:

	RV sites	Cabins	Tent sites	Primitive sites
# of sites	_____	_____	_____	_____
On site parking	_____	_____	_____	_____
Waterfront	_____	_____	_____	_____
Universal access	_____	_____	_____	_____

Boat Launch Facilities:

_____ Hard surface	_____ Unimproved (informal)	_____ # of Lanes
_____ Gravel	_____ Carry In	_____ Boat Prep Area

Courtesy/Fishing Docks:

Courtesy/Fishing	Dimensions	Universal Access
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Trails (within a recreation area):

Type: _____	Length: _____

Notes:

Picture Number From _____ To _____

APPENDIX C
General Recreation Survey

General Recreation Survey

Clerk: _____ Site: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

Weather: Sunny Partly Cloudy Cloudy Light Rain Heavy Rain

RESPONDENT GENDER: Male Female

RESPONDENT REFUSED INTERVIEW:

RESPONDENT DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH:

VEHICLE HAS A BOAT TRAILER:

RESPONDENT IS NOT 18 YEARS OR OLDER:

RESPONDENT HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED PREVIOUSLY:

1. Including yourself, how many people are in your party today? _____ people in party
2. What is your home zip code? _____
3. In what year were you born? _____
4. What time did you arrive to the Bishop Creek area today? _____ am / pm

5. What is the primary recreation activity that you participated in today? *(Please read the list to respondents. Check only one main activity in the first column.)*

What other activities did you participate in today? *(Check all that apply in the second column.)*

Check only <u>one</u> main activity	Check all other activities	Types of Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bicycling
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Camping
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Climbing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	OHV Use
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Watercraft Use
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photography
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Picnicking
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Relaxing
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scenic Driving
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trail Use or Hiking
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Viewing Scenery
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Viewing Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visiting Historic Sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other:</i>

6. Why did you choose to come to this recreation site today?

12. If yes, what do you recommend? *(Do not read this list. Allow respondent to answer and check all that apply and/or fill in the blanks.)*

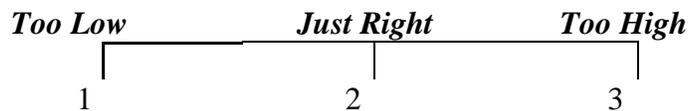
<input type="checkbox"/> access road	<input type="checkbox"/> bank fishing area	<input type="checkbox"/> boat dock
<input type="checkbox"/> boat launch	<input type="checkbox"/> camping area	<input type="checkbox"/> fish cleaning station
<input type="checkbox"/> fishing pier/dock	<input type="checkbox"/> lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> parking lot
<input type="checkbox"/> picnic tables/shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> signs & information
<input type="checkbox"/> swimming area	<input type="checkbox"/> trails	<input type="checkbox"/> trash cans
<input type="checkbox"/> RV camping	<input type="checkbox"/> tent camping	
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify: _____)		

13. Are there any other improvements that you would recommend for this site?

- YES
- NO *(If no, skip to Question 15.)*

14. If yes, what improvements do you recommend?

15. How would you rate the fees associated with the site? *(Circle one number.)*



16. During this trip, have you or will you travel to other locations in the Bishop Creek area? If yes, which sites? _____

17. During your current trip, how many days and nights will you spend in the Bishop Creek area?

18. Are you staying overnight at an Inyo National Forest campground? If yes, which campground?

19. In addition to this visit, have you visited the Bishop Creek area in the past 12 months? If yes, what frequency?

20. Are there any additional facilities needed in other areas of Bishop Creek?

YES

NO *(If no, skip to Question 22.)*

21. If yes, what do you recommend, and where?

22. Do you have any additional comments about the facilities at this recreation site or other sites in the Bishop Creek area? *(Please fill in blank and be as specific as possible.)*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME TODAY

APPENDIX D
Creel Survey

