

4.6 Recreation: Parklands, Recreation Areas, and Wildlife Refuges

The existing and planned parklands, wildlife refuges, recreation areas, and other public lands within the Hemet to Corona/Lake Elsinore Corridor (HCLE Corridor) were listed and discussed in Section 3.6.

4.6.1 Methodology for Impact Evaluation

Recreational resources, consisting of parks, reserves, and trails were identified through research and grouped according to jurisdiction. Recreation and wildlife resources located within the study area were identified using several geographic information system (GIS) databases, including an existing land use database from the RCIP Existing Setting Report (LSA, 1999) and the Thomas Brothers Map Guide GIS database (2001). In addition, parklands, schools, and recreational trails within individual incorporated cities were identified using City General Plans and the County Regional Trails Map. Since public school playgrounds may also serve public recreational purposes, existing and planned public school sites also were evaluated. Recreation facilities within the study area were mapped, specifically, resources within the bandwidth for each alternative and within one-half mile of each alternative. GIS mapping provided graphical representations of the alternatives within each corridor, with maps of each resource compared to the proposed alternatives. Each resource was evaluated based on its distance from the alternatives. Based on this evaluation, resources were identified for assessment.

Direct impacts include direct effects resulting from acquisition of all or a portion of the property where a recreation resource or wildlife refuge is located. Proximity effects relate to changes in the ambient environment that affect the quality of the experience of users of the resource and include increased noise, degraded air quality, visual intrusion, or access restrictions. Potential impacts to these resources are discussed below. Properties found to be within the boundaries of an alternative (within the bandwidth) or within a 0.4 km (0.25 mi) buffer area or either side of the alternative boundary (outside of the bandwidth) may be found to be directly or indirectly impacted.

4.6.2 Impacts

The recreational and wildlife refuge lands within each alternative are summarized in Table 4.6.A. Information regarding trails is summarized in Table 3.6.D and Figure 3.6.2.

4.6.2.1 No Build Alternative (General Plan Build Out)

The No Build Alternative would not establish a new HCLE transportation route, and therefore would have no impact to existing or planned parklands, wildlife refuges, or recreation areas.

Table 4.6.A - Impacted Recreation and Wildlife Refuge Resources

Alternative	Recreation		Wildlife Refuges	
	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth
1a		Lake Perris State Recreation Area	Lake Mathews/Estelle Mountain Reserve	
		El Cerrito ES	San Jacinto Wildlife Area	
		Manuel L. Real ES		
		Thomas Rivera MS		
1b		Lake Perris State Recreation Area	Lake Mathews Estelle Mountain Reserve	
		El Cerrito ES	San Jacinto Wildlife Area	
		Manuel L. Real ES		
		Thomas Rivera MS		
4a	Gibbel Park	Yarborough Park		
		Elsinore ES		
		Harvest Valley ES		
		Railroad Canyon ES		
		Romoland ES		
4c	Gibbel Park	Harvest Valley ES		
		Romoland ES		
4d	Gibbel Park			Kabian Park
		Yarborough Park		
		Elsinore ES		
		Harvest Valley ES		
		Railroad Canyon ES		
		Tuscany Hills		
		Ortega HS		
		Romoland ES		

Note: ES = Elementary School, MS = Middle School, and HS = High School

Alternative	Recreation		Wildlife Refuges	
	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth
5a		Yarborough Park		Kabian Park
		Winchester School		
		Elsinore ES		
		Railroad Canyon ES		
5b		Winchester School		Lake Mathews/Estelle Mountain Reserve
5c		Winchester School		Kabian Park
5d		Yarborough Park		Kabian Park
		Winchester School		
		Elsinore ES		
		Railroad Canyon ES		
		Tuscany Hills ES		
		Ortega HS		
5e		Winchester School		Kabian Park
		Temescal Canyon HS		
6a		East Port Park		
		Indian Beach Park		
		Roadrunner Park		
		Summerhill Park		
		Winchester School		
		Ortega HS		
		Chester W. Morrison ES		
	Callie Kirkpatrick ES			

Alternative	Recreation		Wildlife Refuges	
	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth
6b		East Port Park Summerhill Park Winchester School Ortega HS Chester W. Morrison ES Callie Kirkpatrick ES		
H1	Metz Park Foss Field Park	Russell Stewart Park Bob Long Memorial Park Winchester ES "A" Street ES Palms ES Perris HS Manuel L. Real ES Nan Sanders ES Thomas Rivera MS Val Verde ES Val Verde HS	Lake Mathews Estelle Mountain Reserve	

Alternative	Recreation		Wildlife Refuges	
	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth	within bandwidth	adjacent to bandwidth
H3	Metz Park	Russell Stewart Park	Lake Mathews Estelle Mountain Reserve	
	Foss Field Park	Bob Long Memorial Park		
		Victoria/Cross Park		
		McAuliffe ES		
		Orrenmaa ES		
		Arizona Intermediate		
		Alrord HS		
		El Cerrito ES		
		Winchester ES		
		“A” Street ES		
		Palms ES		
		Perris HS		
		Manuel L. Real ES		
		Nan Sanders ES		
		Thomas Rivera MS		
		Val Verde ES		
		Val Verde HS		