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Subject: Proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE) for cultural resources for the proposed Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) rail line.

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed the April 6, 2022 correspondence from Ms. Danielle Gosselin on the above referenced project regarding the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for cultural and historic resources.

The direct APE is not located on airport property; therefore, the FAA does not have any information regarding any known architectural, archaeological, tribal, or other historic properties that may be located in the project APE and cannot make any determinations. The FAA recommends coordination with the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) to discuss any visual or direct impacts regarding any existing airport historical buildings/properties and any other known/unknown resources.

The FAA recommends the STB be aware of FAA regulations and/or requirements regarding any airport protected surfaces, including, but not limited to, Runway Safety Areas, Runway Protection Zones, etc., and lighting components, including potential light glare that may have a negative impact on the airport(s), aircrafts, or the National Airspace System (NAS). Additionally, the FAA recommends the STB be aware of FAA airspace notification and filing requirements regarding proposed temporary and permanent structures that may be a hazard to air navigation.

If you have any environmental questions, please contact Denise Taylor-Sands, Environmental Protection Specialist at (602) 792-1067 or ann-denise.taylor-sands@faa.gov.

Sincerely,

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