

APPENDIX 12. Glossary of terms and Impact Ratings

Duration of Impact

ST – Short-term (define based on project)

LT- Long-term (define based on project)

Reversibility

R- Reversible

P – Permanent

Geographic Extent of Influence

SA– Subject Area (physical disturbance area)

AA- Assessment Area (120m zone of influence)

LA – Landscape Area (Area outside AA that may be affected)

Frequency of Disturbance

O - Occurs once.

S - Occurs sporadically at irregular intervals.

R - Occurs on a regular basis and at regular intervals.

C – Continuous, ongoing and all the time.

Existing Ecological Site Context

U - Undisturbed: Area relatively or not adversely affected by human activity.

PD – Past Disturbance: Area Adversely affected by human activity in recent past, but regeneration has occurred.

D -Disturbed: Area has been substantially previously disturbed by human development or human development is still present.

Likelihood of impact occurring

If the Proposed activity occurs, the likelihood of the impact occurring is:

L: Low probability of occurrence.

M: Medium probability of occurrence.

H: High probability of occurrence.

Cumulative Environmental Effects

Will the proposed activity interact with other impacts?

Y: Potential for environmental effect to interact with the environmental effects of other past, present or foreseeable future activities

N: Environmental effect will not or is not likely to interact with the environmental effects of other past, present or foreseeable future activities.

Impact Rating

None: An event that, if it occurs, will cause no foreseeable impact.

Minor: An event that, if it occurs, will cause small, reversible and geographically localized impact that can be easily mitigated.

Moderate: Significant but reversible, OR irreversible and geographically localized, impact that requires significant mitigation.

Severe: Significant AND irreversible impact on the environment, impacts cannot be fully mitigated.

Potential vs. Actual impact

¹ *Potential Impact* is a relative rating of the expected impact to occur in the absence of any mitigation measures.

² *Actual Impact* is the expected impact in consideration of implementation of mitigation measures or where potential impact may cause little to no actual impact.