

4.11 STATE AND NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERS

This section addresses the effects of construction related to the Proposed Project and future operations on State and National Scenic Rivers in the vicinity of Gness Field Airport (DVO or Airport).

4.11.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

4.11.1.1 Existing Conditions

A review of the National Park Service's Wild and Scenic Rivers System list¹ and the National River Inventory Register² indicated that there are no State or National Scenic Rivers within Marin County. The American River South Fork, which is designated as a State and National Scenic River, is the closest waterway system to DVO. The American River South Fork is located approximately 50 miles northeast of DVO and is not considered within close proximity to the Airport.

4.11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

4.11.2.1 Significance Criteria

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1271-1287), provides protection for free-flowing river areas that "possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values". The U.S. Department of the Interior is charged with the responsibility of identifying and inventorying rivers or river segments that could be potential candidates for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. For the purposes of identifying significant impacts, the Proposed Project would be reviewed to determine if the project would substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the area adjacent to a protected river or alter the course of a protected stream or river.

4.11.2.1 Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Project

Impact 4.11-1: The Proposed Project would not impact any wild and scenic rivers (less than significant).

Because there is no State or National Scenic Rivers within Marin County, there would be no impacts to wild and scenic rivers as a result of the Proposed Project.

Mitigation: None required.

¹ *National Wild and Scenic Rivers System*, accessed on line September 2009, National Park Service, <http://www.rivers.gov/wildriverslist.html>.
² *Trails & Conservation Program: National River Inventory*, accessed on line September 2009, National Park Service, <http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/nri/states/ca.html>.

4.11.3 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Because the Proposed Project would not result in significant impacts to State and National Scenic Rivers, it would therefore not result in subsequent contribution to cumulative impacts to State and National Scenic Rivers.