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Comments: Poeville alignment will disturb 800% more acreage than the Mitchell (10.3 total acres) and Peavine (10.6 total acres) alternatives. Table 3.10-2 also indicates that the Poeville alignment will have a much larger impact on mountain quail, golden eagle, American badger, loggerhead shrike, and sagebrush lizard. The Poeville alignment will disturb a total of 96.6 acres while the Mitchell alternative will disturb a total of 72.1 acres (75% of Poeville), the Peavine alternative will disturb a total of 77.8 acres (81% of Poeville) and the Peavine/Poeville alternative will disturb a total of 68.8 acres (71% of Poeville).

I agree with Section 3.10.2.2 which states "other special status species such as avian, terrestrial mammals, or bat species, could be affected by construction of the project". Furthermore, Section 3.10.2.5 states that the Poeville alternative is the only alternative that has potential bat habitat.

Even though the Mitchell alternative has the most acres of forested habitat, Section 3.10.2.3 states "the amount of habitat removed for the project is minor in relation to existing available habitat" and "impacts are not anticipated to result in a contribution to a current or predicted downward trend in habitat capability".