

Chapter 4: Impact Summary and Need for an EIS

Table 4-1. Impact Comparison Table

Resource	Impact
Land use	Moderate
Ground-water resources	Minor adverse
Surface-water resources	Moderate adverse
Water quality	Minor beneficial
Fisheries	Moderate adverse
Economics	Minor adverse to minor beneficial

Need for an EIS

The purpose of this supplemental EA was to analyze the cumulative impacts of pending water right applications in the Smith River basin. Expected levels of impact, by resource area, are presented in Table 4-1. These levels of impact were determined based on available information and on the consideration of the criteria found in DNRC Admin. Rule 36.2.524, "Determining the Significance of Impacts,". For a further discussion of how these levels of impact were determined, please refer to the environmental consequences discussions for the individual resource areas in Chapter 3. Because none of the impacts were determined to be significant, DNRC concludes that an EIS is not needed for these proposals.