

Environmental Services

Headquartered in Durango, Colorado since 1995, SME Environmental, Inc. strives to achieve technical excellence and cost-effective environmental regulatory compliance services for public and private sector clients. SME staff is comprised of environmental specialists that maintain current certified professional wetland scientist (PWS), HAZWOPER, confined space entry, CDOT Erosion Control Supervisor Certification, certified asbestos inspector, CDOT's Environmental Program Functional Assessment of Colorado Wetlands (FACWet) Method, CDOT Statewide Impact Findings Tables (SWIFT) for Threatened and Endangered Species Method, and agency protocol survey methods for listed species.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- **Categorical Exclusion (CatEx)** – Colorado Department of Transportation, New Mexico Department of Transportation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service.
- **Environmental Assessment** – Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- **Plan of Development** – Bureau of Land Management.
- **NEPA Re-Evaluation** – Colorado Department of Transportation.

Clean Water Act (CWA)

- **Section 404** – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide, Regional and Individual permitting. Mitigation (permittee-responsible, mitigation bank, in-lieu fee program), including construction monitoring and post-construction monitoring/reporting.
- **Section 401** – Coordination of Water Quality Certification from agencies including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Navajo Nation.
- **Section 402** – Discharge, dewatering, and stormwater permits from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as appropriate. Construction monitoring, including sampling and reporting. Post-construction monitoring and reporting.

Threatened and Endangered Species

- **Endangered Species Act Section 7 Compliance** – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers CWA Section 404 permitting.
- **Biological Assessments** – Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Federal Highway Administration/Department of Transportation, and general presence/absence surveys for suitable habitat.
- **Migratory Bird Treaty Act** – Compliance surveys for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permitting; Colorado Department of Transportation; and New Mexico Department of Transportation.
- **Raptor Surveys** – Compliance surveys for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permitting; Colorado Department of Transportation; and New Mexico Department of Transportation. Bald Eagle surveys for compliance with Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.
- **Protocol Surveys** – SME staff is permitted to conduct USFWS protocol survey for listed species including Mexican Spotted Owl, Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher; SME staff has been permitted by the Bureau of Land Management to transplant Brack's Cactus; SME staff regularly conduct surveys for Western Burrowing Owl following Colorado Parks and Wildlife protocol.

