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ACRONYMS

AADT	Average annual daily traffic
AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
AGFD	Arizona Game and Fish Department
AMI	Area median income
AMSL	Average mean sea level
APCD	Air Pollution Control Division
APE	Area of potential effects
ARC	Animas River Corridor
ARC/GIS	ArcView Geographic Information Systems
ARPA	Archaeological Resources Protection Act
AST	Aboveground storage tank
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
BA	Biological Assessment
BCD	Biological & Conservation Datasystem
BFE	Base Flood Elevation
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMP	Best management practice
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAQCC	Colorado Air Quality Control Commission
CCR	Code of Colorado Regulations
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CDOT	Colorado Department of Transportation
CDOW	Colorado Division of Wildlife
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CDS	Colorado Demography Section
CDWR	Colorado Division of Water Resources
CERCLIS	Comprehensive Emergency Response Compensation and Liability Information Systems
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	Cubic feet per second
CGS	Colorado Geological Survey
CHS-OAHP	Colorado Historical Society – Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
CLOMR	Conditional Letter of Map Revision
CNHP	Colorado Natural Heritage Program
CNPS	Colorado Native Plant Society
CO	Carbon monoxide
COGCC	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Corps	US Army Corps of Engineers
CR	County Road
CRS	Colorado Revised Statutes
CSP	Colorado State Patrol
CWA	Clean Water Act
dBA	A-weighted decibels
DEOG	Diesel Exhaust Organic Gases
DPM	Diesel Particulate Matter
DOI	Department of the Interior Division of Wildlife
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Protection Agency
EJ	Environmental Justice
EO	Executive Order
ERNS	Emergency Response Notification System
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FPPA	Farmland Protection Policy Act
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GPS	Global Positioning System
HAER	Historic American Engineering Record
HAP	Hazardous Air Pollutant
HC	Hydrocarbons
HOV	High Occupancy Vehicle
HSS	Human Health Services
I	Interstate
IGA	Inter-Governmental Agreement
LEDPA	Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative
L(eq)	dBA equivalent noise level
LOMR	Letter of Map Revision
LOS	Level of Service
LUST	Leaking underground storage tank
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
M-ESA	Modified Environmental Site Assessment
MLS	Multiple Listing Service
MMI	Multi-hazard Mapping Initiative
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MP	Milepost
mph	Miles per hour
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
MSAT	Mobile Source Air Toxics

MTBE	Methyl tertiary butyl ether
NA	Not Applicable
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standard(s)
NAC	Noise Abatement Criteria
NDIS	Natural Diversity Information Source
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NFA	No Further Action
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NO_x	Nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPPAC	Native Plants Protection Advisory Committee
NPS	National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NURP	National Urban Runoff Program
O_3	Ozone
OAHP	Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Pb	Lead
PCA	Potential Conservation Areas
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyls
PDM	Probabilistic Dilution Model
$PM_{2.5}$	Particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter
PM_{10}	Particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter
POM	Polycyclic Organic Matter
ppbc	Parts per billion carbon
ppm	Parts per million
RCRIS	Resource Conversation and Recovery Information System
REC	Recognized Environmental Condition
RIP	Recovery Implementation Plan
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	Right-of-way
RV	Recreational Vehicle
SC	Species of concern
SCS	Soil Conservation Service
SB 40	Senate Bill 40
SH	State highway
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SO_X	Sulfur oxides
SUIT	Southern Ute Indian Tribe
SWMP	Stormwater Management Plan
TABOR	Taxpayers Bill of Rights
TDM	Transportation Demand Management
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TSM	Transportation System Management
TSP	Total Dissolved Particulates
TSS	Total suspended solids
µg/L	Micrograms per liter
$\mu g/m^3$	Micrograms per cubic meter
US	US Highway
USC	US Code
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
USDOT	US Department of Transportation
USEPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
USFS	US Forest Service
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	US Geological Survey
UST	Underground storage tank
VHT	Vehicle hours traveled
VISTA	VISTA Information Solutions
VMT	Vehicle miles traveled
VOC	Volatile organic compound
vpd	Vehicles per day
WQCC	Water Quality Control Commission
WQCV	Water Quality Capture Volume