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Acronyms and Abbreviations

EA	Environmental Assessment
ITAs	Indian Trust Assets
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
Reclamation	Bureau of Reclamation
P.L	Public Law
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
USGS	United States Geological Survey
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
cfs	Cubic feet per second
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations