

APPENDIX B: PUBLIC AND AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Interested Parties

Subject: Scoping Invitation Regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's Drought Emergency Water Wells for Brazos, Canõn and Regina, New Mexico

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Reclamation is preparing three Environmental Assessments (EA) for the funding of drought wells for community water systems in Brazos, Canõn, and Regina. The purpose of the drought wells is to provide a supplemental source of domestic water for the systems to fully utilize their existing water rights by providing additional capacity and operational flexibility during a drought emergency. These projects are needed due to the severe drought now gripping the southwest U. S. and the potential for the drought to continue for the indeterminate future.

The EAs will evaluate the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts from these actions, from taking no action, and from any alternative actions that may be identified.

Scoping, as defined in the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, is "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action." This scoping period is meant to provide interested members of the public, Native American tribes, local governments, and organizations an opportunity to comment on the proposed projects and to obtain information that will focus the EA on important issues.

The scoping process helps us to identify the following:

- The important issues, resource concerns, and possible impacts to be addressed in the EA;
- Those issues that are not important, or that have been addressed by prior environmental review or eliminated from further study;
- Existing information sources;
- Other environmental review, permits, and consultation requirements

Reclamation will gladly provide any additional information needed by you about the proposed projects or to describe the EAs in further detail. For more information or to arrange a meeting, please contact Ms. Marsha Carra, Environmental Protection Specialist at 505-462-3602.

Sincerely,

John R. Poland
Area Manager

Enclosure

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Honorable Ernest Suina
Governor, Pueblo of Cochiti
P.O. Box 70
Cochiti, NM 87072

Subject: Consultation Invitation Regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's Drought Emergency Water Wells for Brazos, Cañon, and Regina, New Mexico

Dear Governor Suina:

Reclamation is preparing three Environmental Assessments (EAs) for the funding of drought wells for community water systems in Brazos, Cañon, and Regina, New Mexico. The purpose of the drought wells is to provide a supplemental source of domestic water for the systems to fully utilize their existing water rights by providing additional capacity and operational flexibility during a drought emergency. These projects are needed due to the severe drought now gripping the southwestern U.S. and the potential for the drought to continue for the indeterminate future.

The EAs will evaluate the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts from these actions, from taking no action, and from any alternative actions that may be identified.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your tribe's involvement on a government-to-government basis to identify any concerns your tribe may have regarding the potential effects of our future activities on trust assets, cultural and biological resources, or tribal health and safety. Reclamation wants to ensure that you have an opportunity to help us identify and address any issues important to your tribe.

Reclamation will gladly provide any additional information needed by you or your staff to describe the EAs in further detail. To discuss the EAs or arrange a meeting, please contact Ms. Marsha Carra, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 505-462-3602.

Sincerely,



John R. Poland
Area Manager

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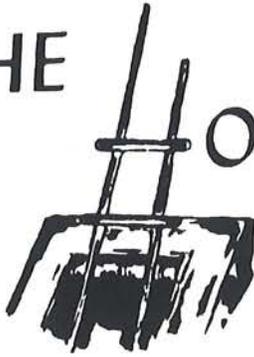
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August 25, 2008

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Dear Mr. Poland,

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 16, 2008, regarding drought emergency water wells for Brazos, Canon, and Regina, New Mexico. The Hopi Tribe claims ancestral and cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in New Mexico, and therefore we appreciate the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)'s solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, to assist us in determining if these proposals may effect cultural resources significant to the Hopi Tribe please provide us with copies of the cultural resources surveys of the areas of potential effect for review and comment. If prehistoric cultural sites are identified in the project area that will be adversely affected by this proposal activities, we also request to be provided with a copy of any proposed draft treatment plans for review and comment.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Lisa Meyer, New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office

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JOE SHIRLEY, JR.
PRESIDENT

September 18, 2008

Mr. John R. Poland, Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management
555 Broadway Blvd. NE, Suite 100
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102-2352

Subject: Tribal Consultation Request. Proposing to install drought wells for community water systems in Brazos, Canon, and Regina, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Our apology for an oversight and missing the deadline date of our response to your request, please note that in reference to your letter of August 15, 2008, the Historic Preservation Department – Traditional Culture Program (HPD-TCP) received a request for consultation regarding the above undertaking and/or project. After reviewing your consultation documents, HPD-TCP has concluded the proposed undertaking/project area **will not impact** any Navajo traditional cultural properties or historical properties.

However, if there are any inadvertent discoveries made during the course of the undertaking, your agency shall cease all operations within the project area. HPD-TCP shall be notified by telephone within 24 hours and a formal letter be sent within 72 hours. All work shall be suspended until mitigation measures/procedures have been developed in consultation with the Navajo Nation.

The HPD-TCP appreciates your agency's consultation efforts, pursuant to 36 CFR Pt. 800.1 (c)(2)(iii). Should you have additional concerns and/or questions, do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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