

Chapter 5. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

- 5.1 Pole plantings of 122 young cottonwood trees would occur on private land south of the project area as a condition of the mitigation plan submitted to the Corps of Engineers.
- 5.2 Should a Bald Eagle be observed within 0.25 mi. upstream or downstream of the active project site in the morning before project activity, the construction crew would be instructed not to begin. In addition, if an eagle is spotted following breaks in project construction activity, the crew would also be required to suspend all activity until the bird leaves on its own volition, or if the Reclamation biologist, in consultation with the Service, determines that the potential for harassment is minimal.
- 5.3 A letter from the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office requesting their concurrence with the project actions on the dike can be referenced at Appendix C.
- 5.4 A "Certificate of Compliance" shall be submitted to the Corps of Engineers at the end of the monitoring period of the mitigation plan.
- 5.5 Dust abatement during construction would be required.

Chapter 6. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Service participated in a field review of the project site and were informally consulted about any species of concern. The ACOE and NMED were consulted with regarding CWA Section 404 and 401, respectively. NMDG&F was consulted with through their website regarding any state protected animal species that could potentially occur in the project area. The NMSHPO was consulted with by Reclamation to determine project compliance with state and federal laws (Section 106 of the NHPA) regarding cultural resources in the project area. San Juan Pueblo was contacted (refer to correspondence at Appendix C) to inform them of the project and to request any comments on the project or the draft EA. A public meeting was held December 3, 2003 to provide an opportunity for local land owners an opportunity to make comments on the proposed project.

The draft EA was distributed for public review and comment for 15 days from November 28, 2005 through December 12, 2005.

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EA Responsibility: Project NEPA Team Leader responsible for project environmental compliance and preparation of the EA.

Chapter 8. REFERENCES

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