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To Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies:

Subject: Environmental Assessment for the Farson/Eden Salinity Control Project, Lateral E-13

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and Department of the Interior (DOI) regulations implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office (Reclamation) has completed an environmental assessment (EA) to determine the effects of using Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program funds to replace the Eden Canal E-13 Lateral with a pipeline. We have enclosed a copy of this EA for your information and review.

The proposed action analyzed in the EA is Reclamation's authorization for the Eden Valley Irrigation District (EVID) to use Federal funds to replace the Eden Canal E-13 Lateral with a pipeline. This project is located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, near the towns of Farson and Eden approximately 40 miles north of Rock Springs, Wyoming. The project area extends from one mile north of Farson to two miles south of Eden. Existing Eden Canal off-farm laterals comprise approximately 25 miles of unlined earthen laterals that provide irrigation water to approximately 5,649 acres of irrigated land.

The Eden Canal laterals are a component of Reclamation's Eden Project, completed in 1959. The Eden Project also includes the Big Sandy Dam and Reservoir, the Eden Dam and Reservoir, Little Sandy Canal, the Means Canal, and a lateral and drainage system. The Eden Canal E-13 lateral is approximately 5 miles long and the proposed pipeline would also be about five miles long and have an approximate diameter of 48 inches at the beginning and would taper down toward the end of the pipe.

In accordance with the above-referenced NEPA regulations, all comments on this EA received by Friday, January 22, 2010, will be considered in determining whether to execute a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and authorizing EVID to implement the proposed action. Comments may be sent to Mr. Rafael Lopez, PRO-776, mailing address 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606, or by e mail to rlopez@usbr.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lopez at (801) 379-1185.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure