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To: All Interested Persons, Organizations and Agencies

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Subject: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Lake Pleasant Regional Park (LPRP), Agua Fria Conservation Area (AFCA) Management Plan, Maricopa and Yavapai Counties, Arizona

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is issuing a FONSI regarding its approval of an amendment to Maricopa County's Lake Pleasant Master Plan (LPMP), to include a proposed Management Plan for the AFCA. The AFCA is located in the northeastern portion of LPRP, in Yavapai and Maricopa counties, Arizona, and contains about 2,405 acres. It was designated in the LPMP as a conservation area in recognition of the special assemblages of natural and cultural resources that occurred there. The Management Plan includes formal designation and use of Table Mesa Road within the AFCA as a low maintenance park road. Access within the AFCA on Table Mesa Road will be allowed for day-use only on a seasonal basis (generally December through June) with the presence of park hosts. Boat ramp(s), parking, and rest rooms will be provided. Additional facilities to support these activities will be provided. In addition, "pack-it in; pack-it out" permit-only camping will be allowed on the south/east of the Agua Fria River. Implementation of the Management Plan is anticipated to occur in three phases, over the course of several years, as funding permits.

Reclamation prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and draft FONSI and issued them for public review and comment on February 1, 2010. The EA describes the existing affected environment, and anticipated environmental impacts from implementing the proposed Management Plan. Eighteen letters were received, only one of which required responses. No revision of the EA is required.

Having no additional issues to consider, Reclamation has made a final determination that a FONSI is appropriate for the proposed action, and an environmental impact statement does not have to be prepared. The FONSI has been revised to add clarifications where appropriate, in response to concerns raised in public comments. All public comments, and Reclamation's responses, are included in the FONSI as Attachment One. The EA and the final FONSI are available on Reclamation's Phoenix Area Office Web site, www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix.

Reclamation will approve amendment of the LPMP to include the AFCA Management Plan. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandra Eto of the Environmental Resource management Division at 623-773-6254. Thank you for your interest in this project.

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