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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Leslie A. Meyers
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability Regarding the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Expansion and Modernization of the Aquatic Research and Conservation Center (ARCC) (Action by May 18, 2015)

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a draft EA to solicit public comments on the potential environmental effects associated with a proposal to expand and modernize the ARCC. The draft EA is available for viewing or downloading at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/>. A paper copy of the draft EA can be obtained by calling Reclamation Phoenix Area office at 623-773-6251, or by emailing ggonzalez@usbr.gov.

The primary purpose of the ARCC is to propagate two of the rarest endemic fishes of the Gila River basin, spikedace and loach minnow, both of which are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The facility is owned and operated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and is located near Cornville in Yavapai County, Arizona. Proposed facility upgrades would be funded by Reclamation under its Gila River Native Fishes Conservation Program.

Comments should be submitted to Mr. John McGlothlen at the Reclamation Phoenix Area Office, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, AZ 85306-4001, faxed to 623-773-6486, or emailed to jmcglothlen@usbr.gov, no later than May 18, 2015. By law, the names and addresses of those providing comments are available for public review. Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at jmcglothlen@usbr.gov, or by calling 623-773-6256.