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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Randy N. Chandler
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) on Proposed Geotechnical Investigations for the Black River Tunnel (BRT) (Action by February 28, 2011)

The Bureau of Reclamation is issuing the attached EA on a proposed geotechnical investigation program for the BRT. The program consists of four boreholes that would be drilled in the spring of 2011 to complete the collection of geologic data for the Phase 1 appraisal-level study of the proposed BRT. Vehicular access to one of the drill sites would require the construction of a temporary road.

I have made a preliminary determination that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for the proposed geotechnical investigation program, and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted. However, I will consider all comments on the EA prior to making a final decision regarding the proposed action and whether a FONSI is appropriate. The decision will be available at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix>.

Please mail your comments to John McGlothlen, at the above address, Attention: PXAO-1500, via electronic mail to jmcglothlen@usbr.gov, or send to faxogram 623-773-6486, no later than February 28, 2011. By law, the names and addresses of those providing comments are available for public review. However, individuals may request that their name and/or address be withheld from the record. These requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law. If you wish your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment letter. All comments from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at 623-773-6256.

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