MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin
Area Manager

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Native Fish Restoration in Blue River
(Action by August 23, 2010)

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued the attached draft EA to solicit public comments on the potential environmental effects of a proposed native fish restoration project in the Blue River, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Apache and Greenlee Counties, Arizona. The proposed project includes mechanical removal of nonnative fishes; repatriation of spikedace and roundtail chub; and construction of a concrete fish barrier in lower Blue River.

The draft EA is provided on the attached CD-ROM. A paper copy of the draft EA can be obtained by calling the Environmental Resource Management Division at 623-773-6251, or by emailing jharagara@usbr.gov. The EA may also be viewed on the Phoenix Area Office Web site at http://www.usbr.gov/oc/phoenix/.

Comments should be submitted to Mr. John McGlothlen at the Reclamation Phoenix Area Office, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001, faxed to 623-773-6481, or emailed to jmglothlen@usbr.gov, no later than August 23, 2010. 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 be 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.

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

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