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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of Supplement to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Native Fish Restoration in Bonita Creek, Gila Box National Riparian Conservation Area, Graham County, Arizona

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued the attached Supplement to its 2007 native fish restoration EA to address proposed additional application(s) of rotenone in lower Bonita Creek. Under the proposal, rotenone would be used to eradicate nonnative fishes that threaten resident and recently stocked, federally listed native fishes in a 1.7-mile reach of Bonita Creek. Rotenone was previously applied to this same reach of stream in 2008. In 2009, however, two species of nonnative fishes were detected and have since repopulated a major portion of this reach. The Supplement describes the anticipated environmental effects of additional rotenone treatments that were not considered in the EA.

Based upon the Supplement, Reclamation has made a preliminary determination that the proposed reapplication of rotenone to remove nonnative fishes will not result in significant impacts, that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate, and an environmental impact statement does not need to be prepared. The draft FONSI, Supplement, and EA to which the Supplement is tiered are available at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix>. Paper copies of the Supplement can be obtained by calling the Environmental Resource Management Division at 623-773-6251, or by e-mailing rkunst@usbr.gov.

We will consider all comments on both the Supplement and draft FONSI prior to making a final decision regarding the proposed project. Comments should be submitted to Mr. John McGlothlen at the Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001, faxed to 623-773-6481, or e-mailed to jmcglothlen@usbr.gov, no later than May 10, 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 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 623-773-6256.

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