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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Randy N. Chandler
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of Revised 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 Revised Supplement to its 2007 native fish restoration EA to address the proposed placement of fill material and 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. Following the repatriation of native fishes, three species of nonnative fishes have repopulated a major portion of this reach. The Revised Supplement describes the anticipated environmental effects of additional rotenone treatments that were not considered in the EA. The proposal also includes filling a ponded area that formed immediately upstream of the fish barrier to reduce the size and complexity of the treatment area.

Based upon the Revised Supplement, Reclamation has made a preliminary determination that the proposed reapplication of rotenone to remove nonnative fishes and placement of fill material 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, Revised Supplement, and EA to which the Supplement is tiered can be viewed at Reclamation's Web site at www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix. Paper copies of the Revised Supplement can be obtained by calling the Environmental Resource Management Division at 623-773-6251, or email at jharagara@usbr.gov.

We will consider all comments on both the Revised Supplement and draft FONSI prior to making a final decision regarding the proposed project. Please submit your comments no later than January 10, 2011, to Mr. John McGlothlen, Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001, or fax to 623-773-6486, or email to jmcglothlen@usbr.gov.

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 to be withheld, please 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.

Attachment

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