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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Public Scoping Period Regarding Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) on a Proposal to Construct a Fish Barrier in Hot Springs Canyon, Cochise County, Arizona (Action by July 10, 2008)

Attached is a scoping notice summarizing a joint Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)-Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposal to protect existing and newly reintroduced native fish species in Hot Springs Canyon against possible upstream incursion of nonnative fishes from the San Pedro River. The scoping notice is also available on Reclamation's web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix>.

During this initial scoping phase, Reclamation and BLM are soliciting input from the interested public to aid in the identification of key issues and alternatives related to the proposal that should be addressed in an upcoming EA. After the public scoping period has ended, the agencies will prepare an EA to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of the proposed project.

Comments concerning the proposal should be submitted to Mr. John McGlothlen, Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306, no later than July 10, 2008. For further information regarding this project, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at 623-773-6256 (email: jwmcglothlen@lc.usbr.gov).