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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Ray N. Challe From: Randy N. Chandler Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Public Scoping Period Regarding Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) on a Proposed Fish Barrier Project in O'Donnell Canyon, Santa Cruz County, Arizona (Action by November 22, 2013)

Attached is a scoping notice summarizing a proposal by the Bureau of Reclamation to construct a fish barrier to protect federally endangered Gila topminnow and Gila Chub in O'Donnell Canyon. The scoping notice is also available on Reclamation's website at http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix.

During this initial scoping phase, Reclamation is soliciting input from the interested public to aid in the identification of key environmental issues related to the proposal that should be addressed in an upcoming EA. After the public scoping period has ended, Reclamation 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. Facsimiles and emails may be sent in accordance with instructions provided in the attached notice. Please include your full name and address and project title (O'Donnell Canyon Fish Barrier Project) with your comments. To be considered, please submit your comments by November 22, 2013.

For further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at 623-773-6256.