MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

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Subject: Decision Notice (DN)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Native Fish Restoration in Redrock Canyon, Arizona

The Bureau of Reclamation and Forest Service have each determined that construction and operation of a fish barrier and other proposed efforts to restore a native fishery in Redrock Canyon will not be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. A copy of the final EA, Forest Service Decision Notice/FONSI, and Reclamation FONSI are attached. These documents are also available at http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix.

The pre-decisional draft EA was mailed to 58 potentially affected or interested individuals and agencies for a 30-day public comment period on September 14, 2007. In accordance with Forest Service regulations (36 CFR 215), a legal notice was published in the Arizona Daily Star on September 14, 2007, to announce the comment period. News releases were sent to several other major news media outlets serving central and southern Arizona regarding the availability of the draft EA. The draft EA was also available on Reclamation’s Phoenix Area Office web site. Five respondents submitted written comments concerning the proposed project during the 30-day public comment period. These comments and the agencies’ responses are included in Appendix G of the final EA.

In accordance with Forest Service regulations codified at 36 CFR 215.6 and 215.7, persons who offered oral or written comments on the draft EA, or who otherwise expressed an interest in the project during the 30-day public comment period following release of the draft EA, will have a right to appeal a subsequent decision on its implementation following legal notice of the decision.

Appeals must be filed within 45 days from the publication date of a legal notice in the Arizona Daily Star advising the public of the DN/FONSI. The publication date in the Arizona Daily Star
is the exclusive means of calculating the time to file an appeal. Specific information regarding the appeal process, including notice of appeal content and filing addresses, are described in the Forest Service Decision Notice located inside the front cover of the final EA.

For further information, or to request additional copies of the final EA, please contact Mr. John McGlothlen at 623-773-6256.

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