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MEMORANDUM

To: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306
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Attn: Regional Director (BTuggle, Ph.D.)

From: Lorri Gray
Regional Director

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Dear Mr. Tuggle:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter informs the Service of the determination of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 by the Service.

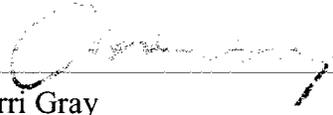
Based upon review of factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by the Service, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of up to 66,939 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use by the Service during 2009 as indicated by the following table.

Refuge	Diversion Entitlement Acre-feet	Requested Diversion Acre-feet	Approved Diversion Acre-feet
Havasu	41,839	41,839	41,839
Cibola	34,500	16,670	16,670
Imperial	28,000	8,430	8,430

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 in an effort to ensure the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2009, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast09.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for the submittal of the Service's diversion estimates for 2009. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,



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Regional Director

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