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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2013 Diversion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(Service)

Dear Mr. Tuggle:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the Service with notice of my determination regarding the Service's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2013.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2013 diversion estimate provided by the Service, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 65,994 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2013 for use on the Service's Refuges within the state of Arizona. Diversions to each refuge are limited to the amounts indicated in the table below.

Refuge	Diversion Entitlement Acre-feet	Requested Diversion Acre-feet	Approved Diversion Acre-feet
Havasu	41,839	41,820	41,820
Cibola	34,500	19,900	19,900
Imperial	28,000	4,224	4,224
Total	104,339	65,944	65,944

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2013 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2013, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast13.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the Service's diversion estimate for calendar year 2013. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,



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