

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACT OFFICE
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Central Utah Project Completion Act
Section 207 Funding
For Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure
And Increased Capacity

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In accordance with Section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Department of the Interior regulations for implementation of NEPA (43 CFR Part 46), the Department of the Interior (DOI) finds that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for the proposed water conversion project. This Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) is supported by the Central Utah Project Completion Act Section 207 And Contributed Funds Act Funding For Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure and Increased Capacity Environmental Assessment (EA)(PRO-09-001) dated July 2009.

PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed action is for the Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office (Interior) to provide funding pursuant to Section 207 of the Central Utah Project Completion Act (Titles II-VI of P.L. 102-575) to enlarge and enclose the PRC. The proposed increase in capacity of the PRC would be from 550 cfs to 630 cfs, beginning at approximately 800 North in Orem, Utah, and from 550 cfs to 585 cfs at the northern terminus of the canal, in order to provide reliable future delivery of water from the Central Utah Project, Utah Lake Drainage Basin Water Delivery System (ULS) to Salt Lake County via the PRC. With such a capacity increase, the enclosed canal would continue to have a capacity of 550 cfs at the Murdock Diversion, increasing to 630 cfs at approximately 800 North to accommodate water from the ULS pipeline, and from that point, tapering down to 585 cfs at the northern terminus.

FINDINGS

The finding of no significant impact is based on the following:

1. The proposed action will have no adverse effect on such unique characteristics as cultural resources, wilderness areas, wetlands, and riparian areas.
2. The environmental effects of the proposed action or neither controversial nor do they involve unique or unknown risks.
3. The proposed action will have no adverse effect on species either currently listed or proposed for listing as candidate, endangered, or threatened species, and no adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.

4. The proposed action does not threaten to violate Federal, state, or local laws or requirements imposed for protection of the environment

Interior has analyzed the environmental effects, public comments, and the alternatives in detail and believes that the proposed action meets the purpose and need described in the EA with negligible effects to the human environment.