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To Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Finding of No Significant Impact for the Farson/Eden Salinity Control Project
Lateral E-13 - Sweetwater County, Wyoming - Eden Project

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), and Department of the Interior (DOI) regulations implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office, completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine the effects of using Federal funds authorized under the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, to replace the existing E-13 lateral with a pipeline. On December 16, 2009, we sent a copy of the EA to you for your information and review.

The comment period for this EA ended on Friday, January 22, 2010. Two comments were received during that period and one late comment was also received. After reviewing these comments together with the EA, I have determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for this proposed action. A copy of the signed FONSI is enclosed for your information.

This FONSI authorizes the Eden Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (EVIDD) to use Federal funds to replace the existing unlined earthen E-13 lateral with a pipeline. The pipeline will reduce seepage which dissolves salts in the soils and eventually carries the salts to the Upper Colorado River Basin. The project is located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

As explained in the FONSI, errors and omissions were found in the EA and these have been corrected as noted.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rafael Lopez at 801-379-1185.

Sincerely,

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Area Manager

Enclosure