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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

**For The
Expansion Plan at Navajo Dam Marina
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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Introduction

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Western Colorado Area Office (WCAO) has conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) of a proposed action to determine if the action would have any potentially significant impacts. The proposed action would occur at Navajo Lake State Park on lands owned by Reclamation which encompass Navajo Lake, a Reclamation Project in northern New Mexico. According to Federal policy, work such as the proposed action within these lands must be permitted by Reclamation. This permitting is a Federal Action requiring compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) which resulted in preparation of this EA.

The proposed action is for Navajo Dam Enterprises, Inc. (NDE), the concessionaire operating Navajo Dam Marina (Marina), to upgrade existing Marina buildings, including a larger store/office, restaurant, fuel dock/boat rental facilities, and sewage system. The project would also include the construction of new public restrooms within the store building and additional boat slips on two existing docks.

Summary of Impacts

This EA was prepared by NDE and New Mexico State Parks according to Reclamation guidelines and reviewed by Reclamation WCAO. There is little or no likelihood of potentially significant impacts to resources. The proposed action area contains no sites eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of the concurrence letter from the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office confirming this finding is attached to the EA.

The proposed action will occur on previously disturbed land and over the waters of Navajo Lake. There are no wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas in or near the project area. A Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure plan will be prepared and implemented by NDE at the Marina. There are no known Federally-listed endangered species or other species of concern within or near the proposed action area. Bald and Golden eagles occur in the area but are not known to nest or roost in the area.

Consultation and Coordination

Development of this EA included coordination with the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office, New Mexico State Parks, and Reclamation WCAO. Because the proposed action is very minor, especially compared to one which might require an environmental impact statement, the nature of the action has substantial precedence, and there is no uncertainty of effects nor a need for public interests to be included in the assessment process, elicitation of public comments to fully assess potential impacts is not necessary in accordance with 43 CFR 46.305.

Conditions/Stipulations

- 1) A Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure plan will be prepared and certified by a Professional Engineer, and implemented by NDE, prior to operation of the facilities, pursuant to 40 CFR 112.3.
- 2) NDE will obtain a section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) permit prior to construction, pursuant to 33 CFR 323.
- 3) NDE will obtain a section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C 403) permit prior to construction, pursuant to 33 CFR 322.

Determination of Impact Significance

After weighing economic, social, and technical considerations, as well as any environmental effects analyzed in this EA, Reclamation has determined this proposed action would not result in any significant effects on the quality of the human environment as defined by 40 CFR 1508.2, and thus neither an Environmental Impact Statement nor further NEPA documentation is needed. This finding is based on consideration of the context and intensity of impacts for the project and Significance Criteria as described at 40 CFR 1508.27 and as discussed on pages 16 and 17 of this EA.