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Honorable Norman J. Coeeyate
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Dear Governor Coeeyate:

I am responding to your letter of June 30, 2009, regarding the request for consultation of the mainstem non-native fish control, Colorado River, Arizona. The three Federal agencies you wrote regarding mainstem Colorado River non-native fish control, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), and the U.S. Geological Survey's Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC), take the concerns of the Pueblo of Zuni very seriously and would like to arrange for government-to-government consultation regarding proposed mechanical removal of non-native fish from the Colorado River, Grand Canyon, Arizona. We propose to meet at your office on September 15, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.

The three agencies acknowledge that the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado Rivers is a sacred site to the Pueblo of Zuni as defined by Executive Order 13007 and that the location where the mechanical removal is proposed is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for its associative values to the Pueblo of Zuni. The Service and GCMRC have agreed that Reclamation will serve as the lead agency for this consultation following the regulations implementing the National Historic Preservation Act at 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2).

Given that the undertaking is addressed in a biological opinion issued by the Service and given the important role of the Service regarding the conservation of native fish in the Colorado River, the Service wishes to work with the Pueblo of Zuni to mutually fulfill the commitments for consultation as identified in Secretarial Order 3206, *American Indian Tribal Rights, Federal-Tribal Trust Responsibilities, and the Endangered Species Act*. Mr. Sam Spiller from the Service will participate in the consultation as you requested.

In addition, the GCMRC has served as the contracting office for the mechanical removal of fish in the past and presumably would in the future. Mr. John Hamill of GCMRC will also participate in the consultation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed consultation, please contact Mr. Tom Ryan at 801-524-3732.

Sincerely,


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