



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

SR-92 Lehi – Highland UDOT Project No. HPP-TI-0092(8)0

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FINDING

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) finds that the Preferred Alternative as set forth in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the SR-92 Lehi – Highland Project (UDOT Project HPP-TI-0092(8)0) will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required. This decision was based on a thorough review of the EA and of the public comments received on the EA. This decision is in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Public Law 91-90), as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the Department of the Interior Regulations for Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 43 CFR Part 46.

DECISION

Reclamation has decided to authorize work within Federal lands or easements held for the Provo Reservoir Canal and Jordan Aqueduct, if such work is necessary to allow FHWA and UDOT to implement the Preferred Action Alternative as described in the EA. Final project design which may affect Provo River Project or Central Utah Project lands, easements or facilities must be reviewed and approved by Reclamation in coordination with the Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and the Provo River Water Users Association to ensure that the project does not interfere with Federal lands or easements, or Provo River Project or Central Utah Project facilities.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

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

Reclamation has analyzed the environmental effects, public comments, and the alternatives in detail and believes that the Preferred Alternative best meets the purpose and need described in the EA.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Public involvement and coordination activities were completed as described in pages 10-13 of the FHWA's FONSI dated November 20, 2008.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT IMPACTS AND MITIGATION

The potential impacts of the project, and project mitigation, are summarized on pages 4-10 of the FHWA's FONSI dated November 20, 2008.