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To: Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, Proposed Colorado River Salinity Control Program Tropic Ditch Replacement Project

The Tropic and East Fork Irrigation Company plans to undertake construction activities on the Tropic Ditch near the Town of Tropic in Garfield County, Utah. The Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office (Reclamation), has proposed funding the project under the Colorado River Salinity Control Program (CRSCP). The proposed project entails replacing approximately 5.5 miles of the existing open ditch with approximately 4 miles of pipe. The purpose of the project is to reduce seepage which in turn causes high amounts of salt to enter the Paria River and ultimately the Colorado River.

Reclamation previously published a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for review and comment. The National Park Service, Bryce Canyon National Park is a cooperating agency on this EA.

A copy of the final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is enclosed for your information. A copy of the FONSI issued by the National Park Service, Bryce Canyon National Park, is also enclosed. These documents have been sent to about 30 interested agencies, organizations and individuals and about 280 additional parties have been notified of their availability on the internet at www.usbr.gov/uc/envdocs/index.html. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rafael Lopez at 801-379-1185.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures