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Subject: Release of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for Tyler Creek Wasteway Stabilization

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A multi-year planning process led to the release of the FONSI/Final Programmatic EA for Tyler Creek Wasteway Stabilization which documents environmental review and evaluation in compliance with the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. We, at Reclamation, thank you for your time and the many comments submitted throughout the process. This valuable input helped shape the alternatives and improve the NEPA document. The EA reflects public comments received throughout the planning process. Attachment E includes a summary of comments received prior to release of the July 2003 Draft EA, copies of letters commenting on the Draft EA, and Reclamation's responses to the issues.

As stated in the FONSI, we will proceed with efforts toward upgrading access to the wasteway and stabilizing localized areas of the wasteway channel between the pipe outlet and where Tyler Creek enters Emigrant Creek. These efforts include future contacts with affected landowners and management agencies to begin negotiations on acquiring the necessary rights-of-way/flowage easements and site-specific stabilization methods. We commit to the necessary site-specific environmental clearances and permits before stabilization or major surface disturbing activities.

We appreciate your interest in the stabilization efforts and take this opportunity to supply you with a copy of the FONSI/Final EA. Please contact Tanya Sommer at 503-872-2846 if you have any questions concerning the EA.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Eggers
Area Manager

Enclosures