

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
(FONSI)**

**LC-11-16  
Amendment 1  
Rehabilitation of Date Street 100 and 200 Buildings  
Boulder City, Nevada**

Based on a thorough review of the analysis presented in the environmental consequences section of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA), and new information gathered through public involvement and analysis, The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) finds that the enclosed amendment to the Proposed Action Alternative will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment within or adjacent to the project area, therefore our original FONSI remains valid.

This Amendment to Finding of No Significant Impact LC-11-16 has, therefore, been prepared and is submitted to document environmental review and evaluation of amendments to the Proposed Action in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.

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## Amendment

Reclamation prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Rehabilitation of the Date Street 100 and Date Street 200 Buildings (Buildings) on Reclamation administered lands at the Date Street Campus (DSC) for office, storage, training, and conference uses on July 11, 2011. Reclamation is amending the Proposed Action described in the EA to temporarily close Date Street while unloading construction equipment, allow subcontractor parking outside of the DSC, pave and erect fencing, and remove an Arizona ash tree. Additional details are given below.

The EA stated that construction vehicles would be parked within the DSC. Reclamation has since determined that temporary closures of Date Street for unloading of construction materials directly in front of the Buildings and use of a lot (Lot) adjacent to the DSC for temporary subcontractor parking during business hours will alleviate traffic congestion concerns and improve safety for area residents and work crews. The Lot is located across Date Street (see Figure 1) from the Buildings and is owned by the City of Boulder City (City). Reclamation obtained approval from the City to temporarily close Date Street and utilize the lot for temporary parking on December 7, 2012. To minimize impacts to area residents, the Lot will be paved for dust control and temporary fencing erected along the east side of the Lot to screen the view from residences on Cherry Street. The Lot will not be graded or altered as part of the paving.

Reclamation also plans to remove the Arizona ash tree growing in front of the Date Street 100 Building. A recent arborist evaluation concluded that the tree is diseased and dying and would create a safety hazard if limbs or the trunk were to fall. Reclamation coordinated with the National Park Service to have cuttings taken from the tree for propagation. Two of the Arizona ash seedlings will be planted in front of the Date Street 100 Building when the building rehabilitation work is completed.

Reclamation obtained public comment on the Arizona ash removal, use of the Lot for temporary parking, and the paving and temporary fence through a letter sent to the individuals and organizations on the original mailing list for the EA, as well as some additional residents located near the Lot. Three individuals responded. The comments included support for the rehabilitation of the Buildings, propagation and planting of new Arizona ash trees, and paving the Lot to reduce dust. The need to avoid infringing upon the public right of way between the Lot and the alley behind Cherry Street was pointed out and questions were raised about the scope of the improvements and whether they would be permanent.

## Findings

### **Recreation, Indian Trust Assets, Indian Sacred Sites, and Floodplains and Wetlands**

There will be no impact to these resources as they have not been identified in the area.

### **Biological Resources**

The lot is previously disturbed and graveled with no vegetation. There is no habitat on the site for any Threatened or Endangered species therefore there would be no impact to biological resources. There will be no impact to migratory birds from removal of the Arizona ash tree as it

will be removed in accordance with the environmental commitment for migratory birds included in the original FONSI.

### **Soils/Hydrology**

The existing drainage of the Lot will be retained, and paving will not create any impacts to soils or hydrology.

### **Air Quality/Greenhouse Gases/Climate Change**

Paving of the lot will eliminate the potential for air quality impacts from airborne dust. There would be no additional impacts to air quality. The greenhouse gas emissions calculated in the EA will not change as the number of vehicles anticipated for construction will not change.

### **Cultural Resources**

The Arizona ash tree was planted in 1941 and is considered part of the historic landscape of the Boulder City Historic District. In order to maintain this historic landscape, Reclamation coordinated with the National Park Service to have cuttings taken from the tree for propagation. Two of the Arizona ash seedlings will be planted in front of the Date Street 100 Building when the building rehabilitation work is completed. Reclamation consulted with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on this activity in accordance with the Section 110 “Programmatic Agreement among the Bureau of Reclamation, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regarding the Management of Historic Bureau of Reclamation Properties in Boulder City, Nevada”. The SHPO concurred with Reclamation’s Finding of No Adverse Effect to the historic tree.

The paving and placement of temporary fencing at the Lot is covered under the following criteria from Reclamation’s *Historic Preservation: No Potential to Cause Effects List*, per 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1): Number 20. “Acquisition of land or easements for Reclamation purposes”.

### **Traffic Circulation**

This amendment will help prevent problems created by construction traffic as subcontractor vehicles will not be parked on Date Street. Temporary disruption of traffic will occur on a portion of Date Street when construction vehicles are unloading. There may be an impact if vehicles have to choose a route around the unloading zone. This will not be a significant impact as it will be intermittent and short term. No other impacts to traffic circulation have been identified.

### **Noise**

No additional noise impacts were identified as the Lot is located very close to the original area analyzed and use of the Lot will be during daylight hours.

### **Environmental Justice**

No disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations would result from the amendment.

**Human Health**

The lot will be paved prior to use, eliminating the potential for human health impacts from airborne dust. There are no detrimental human health impacts identified.

**Visual Resources**

Paving of the Lot is expected to have a positive visual effect, as it will give the Lot a neater, more uniform appearance. No visual impacts to residences are expected as the fence will screen the view of the Lot from residences on Cherry Street.

**Cumulative impacts**

No cumulative impacts were identified for any resource area.

