

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 1**

to the

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
LC-06-019-FONSI**

**Laughlin Regional Heritage Greenway Trails  
North Reach**

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This document amends the mitigation measure for the resource "Soundscape" outlined in the Bureau of Reclamation's Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Laughlin Regional Heritage Greenway Trails, North Reach Environmental Assessment (EA), signed May 16, 2007.

The FONSI documents that the proposed action to construct a system of trails, day-use facilities, and Regional Park downstream of Davis Dam near the town of Laughlin in Clark County, Nevada does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment; therefore an Environmental Impact Statement was not prepared. The FONSI describes the impacts of the preferred alternative, Alternative Three, and specifies mitigation measures.

The FONSI includes the following mitigation measure for "Soundscape": "Construction activities will take place during daylight working hours. Contractors would be required to properly maintain construction equipment (i.e. mufflers) to minimize noise." This amendment revises the mitigation measure to be consistent with the terms and conditions of Nevada Department of Transportation Right of Way Occupancy Permit Number 104106-2008 issued to Clark County. The mitigation measure is revised as follows: "Construction activities during the hours of 9:00 PM to 5:30 AM, Sunday night through Friday morning, are limited to 180 days during the 300 days of the contract performance period. For the remainder of the contract performance period, construction will take place during daylight hours. Contractors would be required to properly maintain construction equipment (i.e. mufflers) to minimize noise."

This mitigation measure is being revised to allow for night-time work within the State Route 163 right-of-way during construction of the pedestrian underpass, pedestrian overpass, and installation of a flashing safety light. The Nevada Department of Transportation has requested that these components of the work be completed at night if it is not possible to provide for unrestricted travel through all lanes of traffic during daytime hours.

The work locations discussed above are located within either Federal or County lands, there are no residential or recreation areas in the immediate vicinity. The water treatment plant and water intake plant are the only businesses located along State Route 163 on the Nevada side of the river. The revised mitigation measure will help to ensure safety for both workers and motorists.

The EA and FONSI document the impacts to "Soundscape" as: "sounds from construction vehicles may raise the noise level in the project area slightly. However, due to the distance of the proposed recreation facilities from the Laughlin population, construction will have a minimal effect on the ambient noise experienced at local businesses and residences. Therefore, construction noise will be short-term, minor, adverse, and localized."

The impacts to "Soundscape" from the shift to night-time work would not change since the proposed facilities are not in close proximity to businesses and residences. There would be a minor, beneficial change to the impacts to the resource "Access and Transportation" as traffic at night would be lighter, decreasing the likelihood of traffic delays from construction of the pedestrian bridge.

There would be no change to the impacts to any of the other resources evaluated in the EA and FONSI. The amendment to the mitigation measure for "Soundscape" would not increase any of the impacts of the proposed action to significant levels, therefore the FONSI remains valid.

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