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To Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies:

Subject: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Peoples Canal Salinity Control Project, Daggett County, Utah and Sweetwater County, Wyoming

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as well as the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and Department of the Interior (DOI) regulations implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office (Reclamation) has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), to determine the effects of using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to replace the Peoples Canal with a pipeline. We have enclosed a copy of the EA and FONSI for your information.

The proposed action analyzed in the EA is Reclamation's authorization for the Peoples Canal Company to use America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to replace the Peoples Canal with a pipeline. This project is located in Daggett County, Utah and Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The construction of the pipeline would originate at the head of the Canal near Washam, Wyoming. The first 4.8 miles of pipeline would traverse through public and private land located west of the Henrys Fork River in Wyoming. The remaining 3.2 miles of pipeline would continue into Utah on private land with its terminus east of the Town of Manila, Utah. About 8.0 miles of pipeline would replace about 9.1 miles of existing open Canal.

On September 14, 2009, a public scoping letter was mailed to agencies, organizations and individuals informing them of this project and soliciting comments. All comments received in response to that scoping letter were carefully considered in preparing the EA and in determining whether or not to sign a FONSI.

If you need further information or have any questions please contact Mr. Rafael A. Lopez from my office at 801-379-1185, or by email to rlopez@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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