

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT (EAS)

Within the spirit and intent of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other statutes, orders, and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the action of land-treatment activities for watershed improvements, ongoing land management activities, and implementation of conservation activities on the 24,585 acres in the upper Leslie Canyon watershed, downstream from the Coronado National Forest boundary and upstream from the Leslie Canyon National Wildlife Refuge within Cochise County, Arizona:

 is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1 and no further NEPA documentation will be made.

XX is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

 is found to have significant effects, and therefore further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the *Federal Register* announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

 is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policies, regulations, or procedures.

 is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

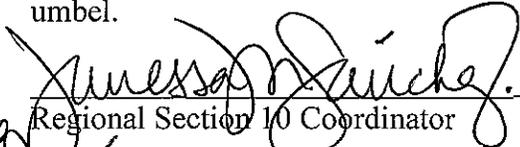
Other supporting documents:

 x Environmental Assessment

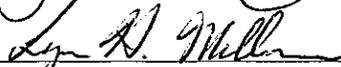
 x Biological Opinion

 x Findings Document

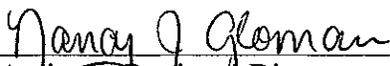
 x Safe Harbor Agreement for the Chiricahua leopard frog, Yaqui chub, Yaqui topminnow, Yaqui catfish, and beautiful shiner with recovery actions for the Huachuca water umbel.

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Regional Section 10 Coordinator

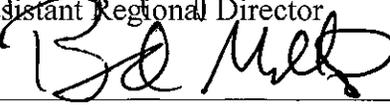
9/18/08.
Date


NEPA Coordinator

9/24/08
Date


Assistant Regional Director

9/29/08
Date


Deputy Regional Director

29 Sept. 2008
Date

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