

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 management activities undertaken on the 159 acres of land within the Salt River from McClintock Drive to Priest Drive, Tempe, Maricopa County, Arizona to enhance, restore, and maintain habitat for the endangered Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*), the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and the threatened bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*):

XX is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 8.5 and no further NEPA documentation will be made.

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

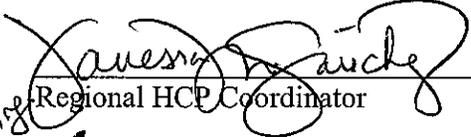
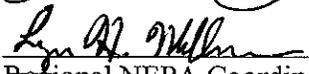
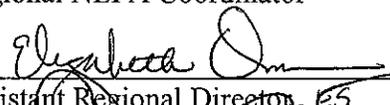
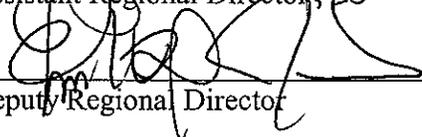
_____ is found to have significant effects, and therefore further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the *Federal Register* announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

_____ 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:

- Biological Opinion
- Findings Document
- Safe Harbor Agreement
- EAS Screening Form

acting		4/15/08.
	Regional HCP Coordinator	Date
ES		4/17/08
	Regional NEPA Coordinator	Date
for/ACR		4/18/08
	Assistant Regional Director, ES	Date
		4-22-08
	Deputy Regional Director	Date