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Ms. Cindy Lester
Chief, Regulatory Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Dear Ms. Lester:

The Service has received Public Notice 2000-01136-SDM (PN) dated February 2, 2001. Grosvenor Holdings, L.C. has submitted an application for a Section 404 permit to develop a 440-acre master-planned community known as Entrada Del Oro near Florence Junction, Pinal County, Arizona (Section 30, T1S, R10E). These comments are provided under the authority of and in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended U.S.C. 661 et. seq.) (FWCA).

We believe the total impact of the development which would be authorized by your agency should be assessed in accordance with existing regulations, including direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, and any interrelated and interdependent activities. We believe the footprint of the project to be permitted by your agency extends beyond the limits of jurisdictional waters and is, at minimum, the total 440 acres of development.

We request the permit be held in abeyance until we have had the opportunity to review the draft environmental assessment and mitigation plan. If we can be of further assistance please contact Mike Martinez (x224) or Don Metz (x217).

Sincerely,

/s/ David L. Harlow
Field Supervisor

cc: Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco, CA
Supervisor, Project Evaluation Programs, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Phoenix, AZ

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