

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

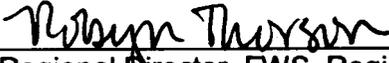
For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment and other supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that **constructing a dam on the North Branch of Lost Creek to impound 350 surface acres of water at elevation 710 feet, including installation of shoreline protection, fish habitat, shoreline fishing, road and boat access, parking areas, restrooms, and raising the elevation of County Road 220th Avenue in Scott County, Iowa**, with federal funding support is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. Project development should have no impact on cultural resource or historic properties. (EA, page 14 and Appendix D)
2. The public review period for the EA generated no significant comments or concerns. All comments have been addressed. (EA page 25-30 and Appendix B)
3. No listed endangered, threatened or candidate species or designated/proposed critical habitat occur within in the project area. (EA, page 12 and Appendix E)
4. The proposed development will affect approximately three miles of floodplain. The project is designed to withstand a flood event with minimal impacts. (EA, page 18).
5. All facilities will be ADA accessible.

Supporting References:

1. Supplemental Federal Aid Programmatic EIS, ROD dated 04-17-95
2. Section 7 Phase I and Phase II Evaluations
3. Environmental Assessment



Regional Director, FWS, Region 3

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