

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

*Adoption of
U.S. Bureau of Land Management Environmental Assessment
Facility Improvement at Take-Out, Mile 10 on Highway 128
EA DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2013-0200*

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared this document in accordance with the procedures for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act as it applies to the Sportfish Restoration Act as amended (50 Stat. 917, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 669 et seq.).

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has submitted a grant entitled *Colorado River Takeout Expansion* to the Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) for review and approval to receive federal grant funds through the Sportfish Restoration (SFR) Grant Program. The Service's decision to approve the proposed grant constitutes a Federal action subject to the requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for preparation of an Environmental Assessment. The BLM has analyzed the impacts of the actions that would be funded by the grant funds and therefore the Service is adopting a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to comply with this NEPA requirement.

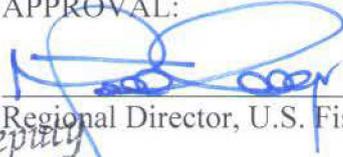
The EA analyzes the need for safer parking in an already established boat ramp area along Highway 128 in Grand County, Utah. There is also a need for better signage and painted striped lines in the parking area to delineate the different vehicle types that use the spaces. Currently, the downstream entrance to the boat ramp area requires a sharp turn and the visibility from the parking area to the highway is reduced when there are trailers and cars parking alongside the road due to the high use of the facility.

The EA's Proposed Action is to expand the Take-Out parking area, designate parking for specific types of vehicles, and improve traffic flow within the parking facility to improve public safety. The No Action alternative would not improve the facility and, therefore, public safety would not improve.

The BLM issued a draft EA for a 30-day public comment period; no comments were received in response to the draft EA. The FONSI for the EA was signed on June 27, 2013. The Service proposes to adopt the BLM EA and FONSI to meet NEPA compliance requirements and to reduce duplication and paperwork.

Based on review of the BLM EA and FONSI, find that the Service's proposed action is not a major Federal action which would significantly impact the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. I also find that all reasonable alternatives were considered in the evaluation of this project, and that this project complies with the intent of the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988 "Floodplain Management" and Executive Order 11990 "Protection of Wetlands." Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the project will have no effect on any listed species or their critical habitat. Consequently, I have determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The EA is on file at the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 134 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228, and is available upon request. It is also available online at <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/wsfr/nepa.php>.

APPROVAL:


Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Regions 5 and 7
Deputy

January 13, 2020
Date