

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 construction of a residential development on 103 to 113 acres and a Reserve on the remaining 399 to 409 acres of the 512-acre Skyranch Property in the Town of Marana, Pima 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 and FONSI

 x Biological Opinion

 x Findings Document

 x Conservation strategy and draft recovery plan for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl

Regional HCP Coordinator

Date

Regional NEPA Coordinator

Date

Assistant Regional Director

Date

Regional Director

Date