

April 14, 1994

MEMORANDUM

TO: Area Manager, Safford District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Safford,  
Arizona

FROM: State Supervisor

SUBJECT: Biological Opinion Update

The September 14, 1993 biological opinion issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) concluding formal consultation under the Endangered Species Act for the proposed repairs to the Bonita Creek Trail in Graham County, Arizona contained an evaluation of the effects of the action on the proposed critical habitat of the endangered razorback sucker (Xyrauchen texanus). The evaluation concluded that the proposed action was not likely to destroy or adversely modify the proposed critical habitat.

The final rule designating critical habitat for the razorback sucker was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 1994. The rule will take effect on April 20, 1994. Bonita Creek was not included in the final critical habitat designation. No additional section 7 consultation is required for this project as a result of the designation.

If the Service can be of further assistance, please contact Lesley Fitzpatrick or Tom Gatz.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sam F. Spiller  
State Supervisor

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