

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE BOATING ACCESS GRANT PROJECT AND
ADOPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR BLACK CANYON DAM
AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA**

We give notice that the U.S. Forest Service's Environmental Assessment (EA) for Black Canyon Dam and Recreational Facilities, Navajo County, Arizona (Ecoplan Report No. 07-073002), is adopted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service according to rules contained in 40 CFR 1506.3. We also sign a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the boating access project. Both the EA and FONSI are available for viewing via the sources described at the end of this notice.

The EA was originally prepared in the year 2010 by EcoPlan Associates, Inc., for the Black Mesa Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The EA was submitted to the Arizona Department of Game and Fish. Dam construction and maintenance by the Arizona Game and Fish Department is authorized via Special Use Permit from the U.S. Forest Service since 1963.

Both the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Forest Service propose to improve safety, floodwater holding capacity, and boating access at Black Canyon Lake. Safety and flood capacity will be achieved by raising the crest height of the dam six feet, reconstructing the spillway, modifying and reinforcing the stilling basin, and grading the access road to the dam. Boating access will also be improved by expanding the existing parking lot and relocating the boat ramp farther north to a location which better ensures water access during low lake levels.

These projects are proposed to be partially funded via federal boating access grant from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. If approved, the grant will be awarded to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Map coordinates for the dam location are Township 11 North, Range 15 East, Sections 13 and 24 (also expressed as 34° 19' 51.44" North and 110° 41' 53.49" West).

The EA and FONSI may be inspected at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Southwest Regional Office, 500 Gold Ave. SW, Suite 9019, Albuquerque, NM 87103. These documents may also be viewed at the Headquarters of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086. To view these documents online, please use the following web addresses.

AGFD: http://www.azgfd.gov/outdoor_recreation/boating_facilities.shtml

USFWS: http://www.fws.gov/southwest/federal_assistance/index.html