

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

EA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0029-EA

Serial/Case File No. None

BLM Office: Tucson Field Office

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I have reviewed the environmental assessment (EA), DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0029-EA dated December 18, 2013, prepared for the remediation of hazards at 58 abandoned mine land (AML) features in the Tombstone project area of the Tucson Field Office (TFO), and have found through the EA that there are no potentially significant environmental impacts caused by the proposed project. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures listed below will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the Phoenix Resource Management Plan approved in Record of Decision dated September 1989.

Below are the substantive reasons for finding no significant impact:

The proposed mining activities would occur in an area impacted by previous mining activities.

Significant cultural/historic resources were identified through Class III surveys and will be flagged and avoided.

Significant bat habitat in mine features was identified through internal survey and will be protected by fencing and signing or by bat gating.

Contractors conducting remediation work are required to comply with air quality standards, thus air quality will not be impacted.

No mine feature was found to intersect ground water table, therefore hydrologic resources will not be impacted

Attachments: NEPA#: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0029-EA

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Date