

# **Finding of No Significant Impact**

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## **1.1. Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-S010–2012–0098–EA**

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts (per Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-S010–2012–0098–EA, I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures described below will not have any significant impacts on the environment and an environmental impact statement is not required.

## **1.2. Mitigation Measures/Best Management Practices:**

1. Utilize Best Management Practices (available at: <http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/bmp05.htm>) to reduce impacts to local soils and water quality as directed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP) , WT-1a, 2a, “Use Best Management Practices as identified by the state of Nevada”.
2. BLM appointed monitor will be on site for the duration of the project.
3. Install fiberglass markers on both ends of the canyon’s riparian area that clearly mark the road as best suited for ATV/UTV use.
4. Install signs at the mouth of the canyon, on the side of the road, warning users of flash floods and other potential hazards present within the canyon.
5. Install traffic counters or conduct vehicle counts to determine the amount of use through the canyon prior to road maintenance and continue collecting data for at least one year.
6. Should a desert tortoise enter the project area, all activities will immediately stop until such time as the animal has left the area of it’s own accord.
7. A speed limit of 25 miles per hour will be required for all vehicles associated with this project.
8. All workers will be instructed to check underneath all vehicles before moving them, as tortoise often take cover underneath parked vehicles.
9. Workers will be informed to not harass (feed, pet, chase, etc.) wild burros if encountered on or near the project areas. And, if burros are encountered, workers will keep a safe distance from the animals.
10. Avoid or minimize all types of travel through weed- infested areas. If a problem is identified and avoidance or removal is not possible, the project proponent shall set up inspection and equipment cleaning sites to prevent the spread of weeds upon departure.
11. Limit ground disturbance to the minimum necessary to safely construct and operate the Proposed Project. The Applicant would avoid creating soil conditions that promote weed germination and establishment
12. Project related equipment (i.e. undercarriages and wheel wells) will be cleaned of all mud, dirt and plant parts before each tour.
13. Project workers shall inspect, remove, and dispose of weed seed and plant parts found on their clothing and personal equipment, bag the product and dispose of in a dumpster for

deposit in local landfills. Disposal methods may vary depending on the project. If you have questions consult with the Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO) Noxious Weed Coordinator.

### 1.3. Signatures:

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