

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)  
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)  
U.S. Department of Interior  
Bureau of Land Management**

**PART I. – PROPOSED ACTION**

**BLM Office:** TFO  
**2014-0001-CX**

**NEPA No.:** DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-

**Case File No.:**

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Catchment 689 Reconstruction

**Applicant:** AZ G&F

**Location of Proposed Action:** T 8 S, R 9 E Sec 23, SW1/4

**Description of Proposed Action:** Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) personnel (both AGFD Region V and Special Services Development Branch Crew), the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society (ADBSS) and the Bureau of Land Management - Tucson Field Office personnel will establish a temporary wildlife water source and begin removing the existing collection apron, tank and trough. As these items are dismantled, they will be removed from the site as new materials are brought in. The tank site will be prepped to receive the new tank, and the drinker will be set and plumbed into the new tank. A sub structure will be assembled to support the new collection apron, which will have a three-colored (brown, green and tan - standard environmental colors) steel R-panel surface. The existing livestock exclusion fence will be removed, including all corner posts and concrete. All project labor, including ADBSS and Department personnel will drive to and from the site every day. All new and old construction debris will be removed off site, and disposed of in proper recycle and trash containers. Depending on how much water is in the system before redevelopment begins, some water may be trucked in to aid in construction and test the new plumbing system.

**Part II. – PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

**This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan(s):** Phoenix RMP

**Decisions and page nos.:** Wildlife and wildlife habitat on public land in Arizona are managed under a memorandum of understanding with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. page 15.

**Date plan approved/amended:** Approved Jan. 1988/Amended last

This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with these plans (*43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM Manual 1601.04.C.2*).



The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215(a)-(1)) apply. The project would:

(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Remote location of project and design features will preclude any impacts on public health or safety
	<b>X</b>	
Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>		

(b) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Project is reconstruction of existing facilities and will not have any significant impacts.
	<b>X</b>	
Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>		

(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Project is reconstruction of existing facilities and will not have any highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.
	<b>X</b>	
Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>		

(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Project is reconstruction of existing facilities.
	<b>X</b>	
Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>		

(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Project is reconstruction of existing facilities
	<b>X</b>	
Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>		

(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No	<b>Rationale:</b> Project is reconstruction of existing facilities
	X	Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>
(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		
Yes	No	<b>Rationale:</b> Area has been surveyed and found to not have any properties listed or eligible for listing on NRHP.
	X	Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>
(h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
Yes	No	<b>Rationale:</b> There will be no significant impacts on species listed or proposed for listing or designated Critical Habitat for those species. Project design features will prevent adverse impacts to desert tortoise, and provide a source of free water available to any that are near the project.
	X	Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>
(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes	No	<b>Rationale:</b> Project is reconstruction of existing facilities.
	X	Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>
(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes	No	<b>Rationale:</b> Remote location of project and design features will preclude any impacts on low income or minority populations.
	X	Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u>

<p>(k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).</p>		
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p><b>No</b>  <b>X</b></p>	<p><b>Rationale:</b> Area has been surveyed and found to not have any properties identified as sacred sites.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u></p>
<p>(l) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).</p>		
<p><b>Yes</b></p>	<p><b>No</b>  <b>X</b></p>	<p><b>Rationale:</b> Project design features include standard protocols to prevent introduction or spread of noxious weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Preparer's Initials <u>DT</u></p>
<p><b>PART V. –COMPLIANCE REVIEW CONCLUSION</b>  I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record, and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.</p> <p><b>MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS:</b> Document signed by approving official on 12/12/2013: /s/Viola E. Hillman, Tucson Field Office Manager.</p> <p>APPROVING OFFICIAL: _____ DATE: _____</p> <p>TITLE: _____</p>		

Note: The signed conclusion on this compliance record is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. A separate decision to implement the action should be prepared in accordance with program specific guidance.