

**U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management**

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)  
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)**

**PART I. – PROPOSED ACTION**

**BLM Office:** Hassayampa Field Office

**NEPA No.:** DOI-BLM-AZ-P010-2015-0005-CX

**Case File No.:** AZA-35957

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Congress DWID Assignment

**Applicant:** Congress Domestic Water Improvement District

**Location of Proposed Action:** T. 10 N., R. 6 W., section 23, lot 18.

**Description of Proposed Action:** The assignment of a 6" water pipeline from William Evans to Congress DWID. The R/W is 30' wide and 750' long (2 segments: 350' along the Merit Way alignment; and 450' adjacent to Sullivan Drive).

**Part II. – PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan(s): Bradshaw Harquahala Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (April 2010)

- The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan because it is specifically provided for in the following land use plan decision(s):
- The proposed action is in conformance with the land use plan, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following land use plan decision(s): page 33, under Land Use Authorizations, LR-25 states, "Continue to issue land use authorizations (rights-of-way, leases, permits, easements) on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with resource management prescriptions in this land use plan."

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

**PART III. – NEPA COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION REVIEW**

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 E. (9) *Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond*

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those granted by the original authorizations.

**Extraordinary Circumstances Review:** In accordance with **43 CFR 46.215**, any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine if it meets any of the 12 Extraordinary Circumstances described. If any circumstance applies to the action or project, and existing NEPA documentation does not adequately address it, then further NEPA analysis is required.

**IMPORTANT:** Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed in Part IV, comment and initial for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included in the appropriate block.

**Part IV. – EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION**

PREPARERS:	INITIALS:	DATE:
Jim Andersen	JVA	3/10/2015

Thomas V. Bickel  
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

6-11-15  
DATE

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

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

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b>
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b>
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b>
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</u>

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

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b>
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b>
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</u>

(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b>
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</u>

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

(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	X	
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</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.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	X	
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(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	X	
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(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	X	
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(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).

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	X	
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(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).

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Rationale:</b>
	X	
		Preparer's Initials <u>JVA</u>

**PART V. -COMPLIANCE REVIEW CONCLUSION**

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

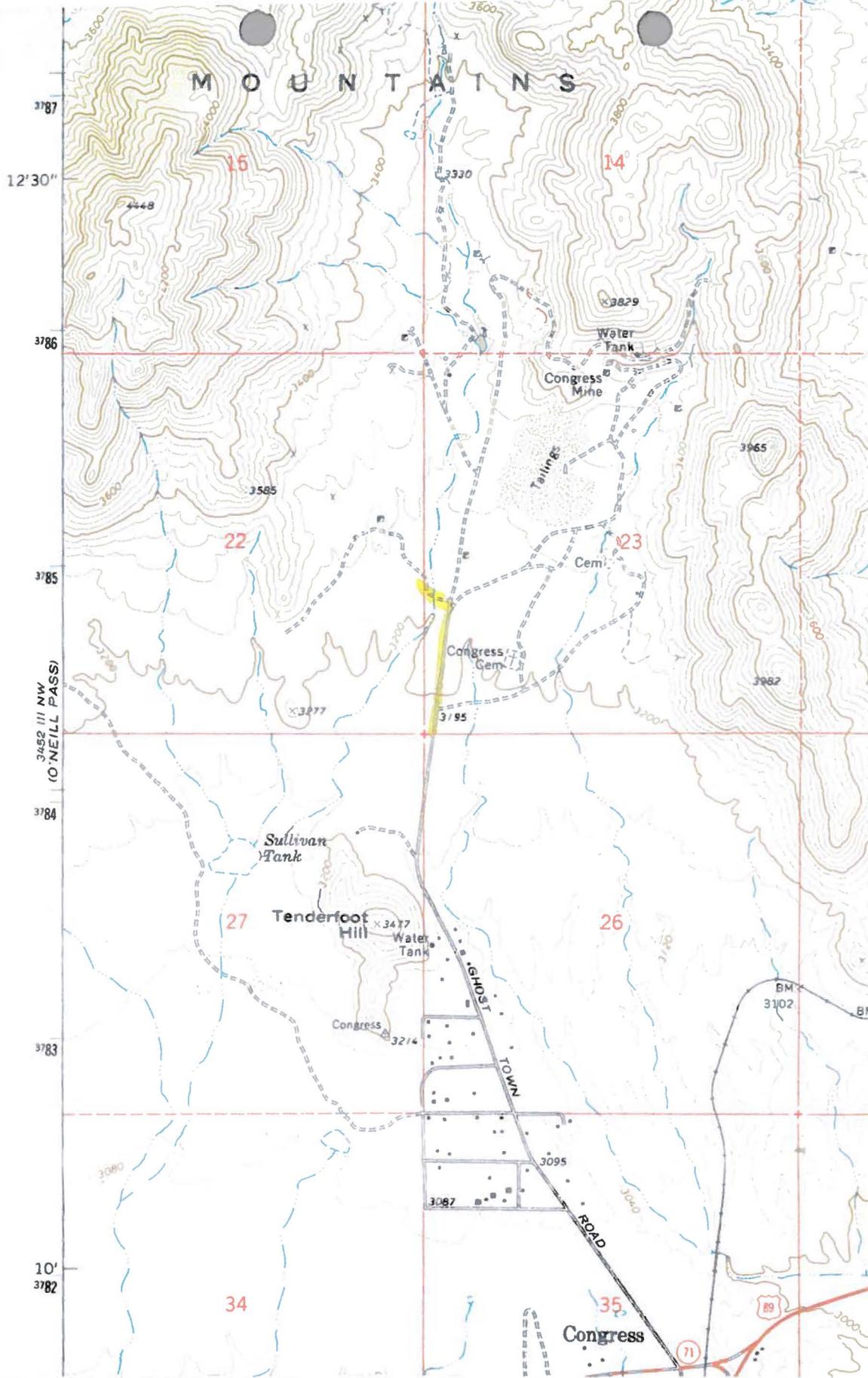
I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record, and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

**MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS:**

1. All applicable regulations in accordance with 43 CFR 2800.
2. All stipulations incorporated in the original grant (AZA-35957).

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL: Andrew James Oetting DATE: 6/18/2015  
NAME: Rem Hawes  
TITLE: Field Manager

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.



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BLM  
Phoenix District Office  
PLANNING & COMPLIANCE  
**PROJECT INITIATION FORM**



**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Complete the form below and place a signed copy in the wire box labeled "PIFs" located in the NEPA area.
2. Save an electronic copy of the PIF with a shapefile of the project area (if available) and any maps, photos, or other supporting documents in the NEPA Dropbox (S:\District\NEPA\Dropbox - PIFs\_CompletedProjects\PIF).
3. For expedited projects (as designated by management), you will receive the form back with your NEPA number and you can proceed with processing your NEPA documentation (CX or DNA). For all other projects, prepare a brief presentation to explain the project at the next FO/NEPA meeting.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

PROJECT NAME	Congress DWID Assignment	OFFICE	Hassayampa Field Office
APPLICANT	Congress DWID	LEAD	Andersen
ACRES (total)	0.52	FILE No.	AZA-35957
ACRES (BLM)	0.52	COUNTY(IES)	Yavapai
LAT/LONG (decimal degrees)	34.1941°N, 112.8495°W		
LOCATION DESC. (T&R and/or text)	T. 10 N., R. 6 W., section 23, lot 18		
MEETING DATE	January 2015	NEPA No.	DOI-BLM-AZ-A016-2015-0005-CX
NEPA LEVEL	CX	CITE/REF.	E. (9)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION** (summary only for public viewing; a more detailed description may be attached on a separate sheet if necessary)

The assignment of a 6" water pipeline from William Evans to Congress DWID. The RW is 30' wide and 750' long (2 segments: 350' along the Merit Way alignment; and 450' adjacent to Sullivan Drive).

**SIGNATURES**

I agree to execute the compliance for this project fully and in accordance with BLM policy and guidelines, and will maintain an administrative report sufficiently documenting these efforts.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Lead

12/15/14

Date

I certify that this project aligns with the established priorities for the office and has my permission to proceed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Manager/Assistant Field Manager

12/16/2014

Date

**PRELIMINARY SCOPING WORKSHEET**

**Project Name**

**Determination Key**

NP = Not Present in the area affected by the proposed or alternative actions.

NI = Present but Not Impacted to a degree that detailed analysis is required.

PI = Present and Potentially Impacted such that detailed analysis is necessary.

NC = No Change in impacts from those already analyzed in prior existing EA/EIS for the action (DNAs only; reference EA/EIS in "citation" box).

UN = Presence or effect UNKNOWN. Additional investigation is necessary/recommended.

Determination ✓					Resource/Concern	Specialist	Signature	Date
NP	NI	PI	NC	UN				

**Ecological**

					Air Quality			
					Water (quality, hydrology, etc.)			
					Wildlife / Habitat (incl. TE/SS species)			
					Vegetation (incl. weeds)			
					Soils / Geologic			
					Wild Horse & Burro			

**Human / Social**

					Cultural / Historic Sites			
					Socioeconomic (induce growth, EJ, etc.)			
					Visual / Aesthetics			
					Safety / Hazards			
					Access / Travel			
					Native American Relig. Concerns			
					Fire Management			

**Competing / Conflicting Uses**

					Mining			
					Grazing			
					Lands and Realty			
					Recreation			
					Special Management Areas (ACECs, Wilderness, W&SR, etc.)			
					Monument Objects			

**Remarks/Notes**

# T. 10 N., R. 6 W., SEC 23



— PROPOSED 6" WATER PIPELINE