

## **DECISION RECORD**

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Tucson Field Office

Pinal County; Temporary Use Permit (TUP)  
DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2015-0007-CX  
AZA-PHX-086749-01

**Background:** On January 8, 2015 Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP) filed an application for a temporary use permit (TUP). SRP is requesting approval to use an existing road for vehicular access to repair and replace structure T-65. The structure is part of the Ray to Superior 115kV transmission line and which was authorized by Bureau of Land Management Right-of-Way PHX-086749. The access road is approximately 0.32 miles long and 10 feet wide. The project is anticipated to begin at the end of March, 2015 and be completed by the middle of April, 2015.

On January 8, 2015, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP) filed an application for a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to repair the access road which provides access to T65. The powerpole, T-65 needs to be replaced. This site is approximately 22 miles northwest of the town of Winkelman, AZ, along highway 177.

The purpose of the TUP is to repair, by grading and adding fill dirt to an existing road in order to safely transport equipment to replace the T65 power pole. Grading would only take place within the existing prism of the road.

Wildlife surveys for threatened and endangered species were conducted on February 17, 2015 and March 6, 2015. The attached stipulations be will followed as part of the proposed action . An active & authorized LR2000 record search was done on the area on March 23, 2015. There are no active mining claims. A field trip to the site was held on April 21, 2015. At that time time the Tucson Field Office Archaeologist performed a Class III surevy covering the proposed action, in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). No artifacts or sites were located.

The TUP will be issued for a six month term with the right of renewal. This authorization will be issued under Title V of FLPMA. The attached standard stipulations be followed for the proposed action. The area is located within the Battleaxe Grazing Allotment. This allotment is not expected to be an issue for the TUP or vice-versa.

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### **Approval and Decision**

Based on a review of the project described in the attached Categorical Exclusion documentation and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with

the Phoenix Resource Management Plan (approved 1998) and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed.

**Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities**

This decision may be protested or appealed under the procedures outlined in BLM Handbook 8720-1 Chapter IV (8) and 43 CFR Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in writing to the Tucson Field Manager, Tucson Field Office, 3201 East Universal Way, Tucson, Arizona, 85756 within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR 2801.10 or 43 CFR 2881.10 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed in this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

/s/ Melissa D. Warren  
Melissa D. Warren, Tucson Field Manager

06/02/2015  
Date

**Attachments:**

Finding of No Significant Impact dated  
Categorical Exclusion – DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2015-0007-CX dated June 2, 2015