

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Greenlee County
Stateline Road Repairs
FEMA-1586-DR-AZ, PW #171**

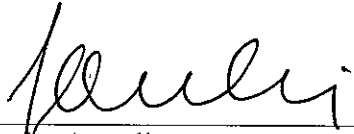
Greenlee County (County) has applied through the Arizona Division on Emergency Management (ADEM) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program for a grant to repair flood damage to Stateline Road in unincorporated Greenlee County, Arizona from the winter storms of February 2005 (FEMA-1586-DR-AZ).

The proposed action would involve the realignment of approximately 1,300 linear feet of Stateline Road, adjacent to the southern bank of the Gila River, and the installation of bank protection along the southern bank of the Gila River. The re-aligned roadway would be 20 feet wide with a dirt and gravel surface. The bank protection would be placed on the south bank of the Gila River along the re-aligned Stateline Road and would consist of several stacks of large cement-filled tires, which would be mostly buried and held in place with rail steel and cables. The proposed action would reduce potential damage to Stateline Road and adjacent agricultural fields and irrigation pumps from future flooding of the Gila River at the project site, while the re-aligned roadway would restore access to these facilities.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), FEMA has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Stateline Road Repairs to evaluate potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human environment. The Final EA has been prepared according to the requirements of NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and FEMA's implementing regulations (44 CFR Part 10). The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was submitted for public review and comments. FEMA received no comments on the Draft EA. The Final EA is available online at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>.

An initial public notice had been circulated pursuant to the Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the final notice for compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. Information required by 44 CFR Part 12.2(e) (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, Final Public Notice) is provided in the Final EA. Based upon the conditions and the information contained in the Final EA, and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988, 11990, and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared based on the fact that there will be no short- or long-term adverse impacts to the natural environment resulting from this project. For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.


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Date