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**To:** District Manager, California Desert

**From:** State Director

**Subject:** Designation of Critical Habitat for the Arroyo Toad, *Bufo californicus*

On April 13, 2005, the Fish and Wildlife Service published a final rule (*Federal Register* 70:19561-19633) determining critical habitat for the arroyo toad. (See Attachment 1.) There is some overlap of BLM administered land with critical habitat unit 23 (Whitewater River Basin, Riverside County). Proposed critical habitat unit 6, which partially overlapped with the mineral estate administered by BLM in Soledad Canyon (Los Angeles County), was excluded from the final critical habitat designation for economic reasons. Proposed critical habitat units 19 (Cottonwood Creek Basin, San Diego County) and 22 (Upper Mojave River Basin, San Bernardino County) were also excluded from the final critical habitat designation. These two proposed critical habitat units also partially overlapped with BLM administered land. Of the 11,695 acres that have been designated as critical habitat for the arroyo toad, approximately 333 acres are administered by BLM (see attached Table).

Publication of this final rule imposes the substantive and procedural requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with respect to all discretionary BLM actions that “may affect” designated critical habitat for the arroyo toad. Effective May 13, 2005, we must comply with the interagency consultation procedures in 50 CFR 402.14 to ensure not only that any actions we authorize, fund, and carry out do not jeopardize the continued existence of this species, but also that they do not destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat. Ongoing or recently completed consultations on projects or land use plans that overlap designated critical habitat for the arroyo toad should be reviewed, and updated if appropriate, to ensure that critical habitat has been addressed.

Questions regarding this final rule may be directed to Ed Lorentzen at (916) 978-4646.

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Attachment

1 - Final Rule Determining Critical Habitat for the Arroyo Toad (73 pp.)

Distribution

CA-920 (Attn: Leroy Mohorich)  
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Table Showing Approximate Critical Habitat in Acres (ac) (Hectares (ha)) by County and Land Ownership (taken from 70 FR 19582)

County	Forest Service	BLM	FWS	Military	State/ local	Tribal	Private	Total
Monterey.....	0	0	0	0	0	0.....	0.....	0
Santa Barbara.....	1,853 ac (750 ha)	0	0	0	0	0.....	2,947 ac..... (1,193 ha).....	4,800 ac (1,942 ha)
Ventura.....	3,668 ac (1,494 ha)	0	0	0	0	0.....	340 ac..... (138 ha).....	4,008 ac (1,622 ha)
Los Angeles.....	734 ac (197 ha)	0	0	0	0	0.....	0.....	734 ac (297 ha)
San Bernardino.....	492 ac (199 ha)	0	0	0	0	0.....	628 ac..... (254 ha).....	1,120 ac (453 ha)
Riverside.....	700 ac (283 ha)	333 ac (135 ha)	0	0	0	0.....	0.....	1,033 ac (418 ha)
Orange.....	0	0	0	0	0	0.....	0.....	0
San Diego.....	0	0	0	0	0	0.....	0.....	0
Total.....	7,447 ac (3,013 ha)	333 ac (135 ha)	0	0	0	0.....	3,915 ac..... (1,585 ha).....	11,695 ac (4,733 ha)