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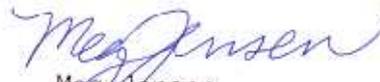
Subject: Implementation of the Migratory Bird Executive Order 13186 and National Environmental Policy Act

Executive Order (EO) 13186 (Attachment 1), signed by the President on January 10, 2001, defined the responsibility of federal agencies to protect migratory birds and their habitats. The intent of the EO was to strengthen migratory bird conservation by identifying and implementing strategies that promote conservation and minimize the take of migratory birds through consideration in land use decisions and collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

There is a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being prepared between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and USFWS (Attachment 2) that will outline the collaboration process necessary to comply with the EO. In order to ensure that environmental analyses of Federal actions required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluate the effects of actions and agency plans on migratory birds, this EO has been added to the List of Critical Elements of the Human Environment for BLM Nevada (Attachment 3). Field offices are directed to include in all future NEPA (EAs and EISs) and planning documents, consideration of migratory birds and their habitats in the Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences sections of these documents. In order to highlight this analysis and consideration, it is recommended that a subsection entitled Migratory Birds be included under the Wildlife section of the NEPA and planning documents. Appropriate consideration of migratory birds should also be incorporated into Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) reviews.

An example of a typical analysis considering migratory birds may be found in Attachment 4.

If you have any questions concerning this guidance, contact Erick Campbell, Wildlife Biologist (775) 861-6471 or Brian Amme, Planning and Environmental Coordinator (775) 861-6645.


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4 Attachments

1. EO 13186 (4 pp)
2. Draft MOU (10 pp)
3. List of Critical Elements (2 pp)
4. Typical Analysis Sample (2pp)