

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND
DECISION RECORD**

SAGEBRUSH-GRASSLAND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION DR-AZ-110- 05-0012

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Based on the analysis of Environmental Assessment EA-AZ-110-05-0012, I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

DECISION

It is my decision to authorize the sagebrush-grassland ecosystem restoration project. These lands are in Mohave County, Arizona, and administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip Field Office. This decision is in conformance with the Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan (1992) and as amended April 1997. The RMP adopted resource specific activity plans from the Vermillion Grazing EIS(1979) including allotment management plans.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION

This decision and the action it authorizes are in conformance with the approved land use plan and specific resource management plans. No significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from this proposed action were identified in the Environmental Assessment (EA) AZ-110-05-0012. Therefore, there is no basis on which to deny approval of the sagebrush-grassland ecosystem restoration. The EA also provides for mitigation of potential adverse impacts to any other resource values. Restoration will only be allowed under the conditions and intervals stated in the EA.

COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING

Conformance with these plans will insure that significant negative impacts to the environment and other resource values will not occur. Adherence to the mitigation, terms and conditions and BLM and State of Arizona regulations is mandatory. Surface activities will be monitored by authorized representatives of the BLM Arizona Strip Field Office.

Any party adversely affected by this decision has the right of appeal pursuant to 40 CFR section 1506.10.

IT IS MY DECISION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL, AS DESCRIBED, WITH THE STIPULATIONS IN THE EA.

APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: _____
Field Manager - Arizona Strip Field Office

