

ASDO NEPA DOCUMENT ROUTING SHEET

NEPA Document Number: CX-AZ-110-2007-0034

Project Title: Peregrine Fund Right-of-Way Renewal AZA-29942

Project Lead: Linda Barwick

Date that any scoping meeting was conducted:

Date that concurrent, electronic distribution for review was initiated: June 6, 2007

Deadline for receipt of responses: June 28 2007

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Discretionary Reviewers:

(insert names and titles of any additional reviewers recommended by Project Lead, Manager(s), Environmental Coordinator, or from scoping meetings)

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

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PROJECT LEAD: Linda Barwick

PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action is to renew an existing right-of-way grant for an additional 10 years. No changes to the existing grant are proposed. In December 1996, a ten year right-of-way grant was issued to The Peregrine Fund for a walk-in freezer for storage of animal carcasses for supplemental feeding of California Condors. Also in the grant is a power line to the freezer. In August 2002, an amendment was approved to add a flight pen. The dimensions of the freezer area are 25 feet wide by 25 feet long and the power line area is 10 feet wide by 300 feet long. The power source is on private land located directly to the east of the site. The flight pen consists of a 24 foot by 24 foot concrete pad with metal sided building and metal roof. Power is extended from the existing walk-in freezer to the building. The location is not within the PC-VC Wilderness. Access to the site is by existing dirt roads. No new access would be constructed. This grant expired December 22, 2006. The Peregrine Fund has indicated a need to continue the Condor program until the recovery goals are met and this will take an additional ten years minimum. The right-of-way would be renewable.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The right-of-way is located in the following area:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Coconino County, Arizona
T. 39 N., R. 7 E.,
sec. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Containing 1.094 acres, more or less.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan (RMP), as amended. The proposed action is in conformance with the RMP. Decision **LR23** provides for the issuance of land use authorizations on a case-by-case basis with NEPA analysis.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action is categorically excluded under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4.E(9) which provides for the renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

The proposal has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply. Surname(s) verify completion of this review by appropriate specialists.

NAME **LIST OF EXCLUSION CRITERIA** *Assign surnames for determination under each below*

LBarwick 1. The proposal would have no adverse effects on public health or safety: *Identify the effect if any*

- TFolks 2. The proposal would not adversely affect unique geographic characteristics such as park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks: *Identify the area that would be affected if any*
- JHerron 3. The proposal would have no adverse effects on historic or cultural resources: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 4. The proposal would have no highly controversial environmental effects: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 5. The proposal would have no highly uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects nor does it involve unique or unknown environmental risks: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 6. The proposal would not establish a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration with potentially significant environmental effects: *Identify the effect if any*
- LBarwick 7. The proposal is not directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects: *Identify the other actions and their effects if any*
- JHerron 8. The proposal would not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places: *Identify the effect if any*
- LHughes 9. The proposal would not adversely affect a plant species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: *Identify the species and effect if any*
- MHerder 10. The proposal would not adversely affect an animal species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: *Identify the species and effect if any*
- MHerder 11. The proposal would not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) or Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). *Identify the order and effect if any*
- MHerder 12. The proposal would not require compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act: *Identify the effect if any*
- GBenson 13. The proposal does not threaten to violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment: *Identify the law and effect if any*
- LFord 14. The proposal is in conformance with the Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, as amended.

DECISION: We have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposal is in conformance with the approved land use plan, that it would have no significant environmental effects, and that no further environmental analysis is required.

REVIEWED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____
Environmental Coordinator - Arizona Strip

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

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

Terms and Conditions:

1. The holder shall conduct all activities associated with the construction, operation, and termination of the right-of-way within the authorized limits of the right-of-way.
2. Construction sites shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at those sites shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.
3. At no time shall vehicle or equipment fluids be dumped on public lands. All accidental spills must be reported to BLM and be cleaned up immediately, using best available practices and requirements of the law. All spills of federally or state listed hazardous materials which exceed the reportable quantities shall be promptly reported to the appropriate state agency and the Arizona Strip District.
4. Any surface, or sub-surface archaeological, historical, or paleontological remains not covered in the CRPR discovered during use shall be left intact; all work in the area shall stop immediately and the BLM Office Field Manager for the Arizona Strip (435)688-3323 shall be notified immediately. Commencement of work shall be allowed upon clearance by the BLM Field Office Manager in consultation with the Archaeologist.

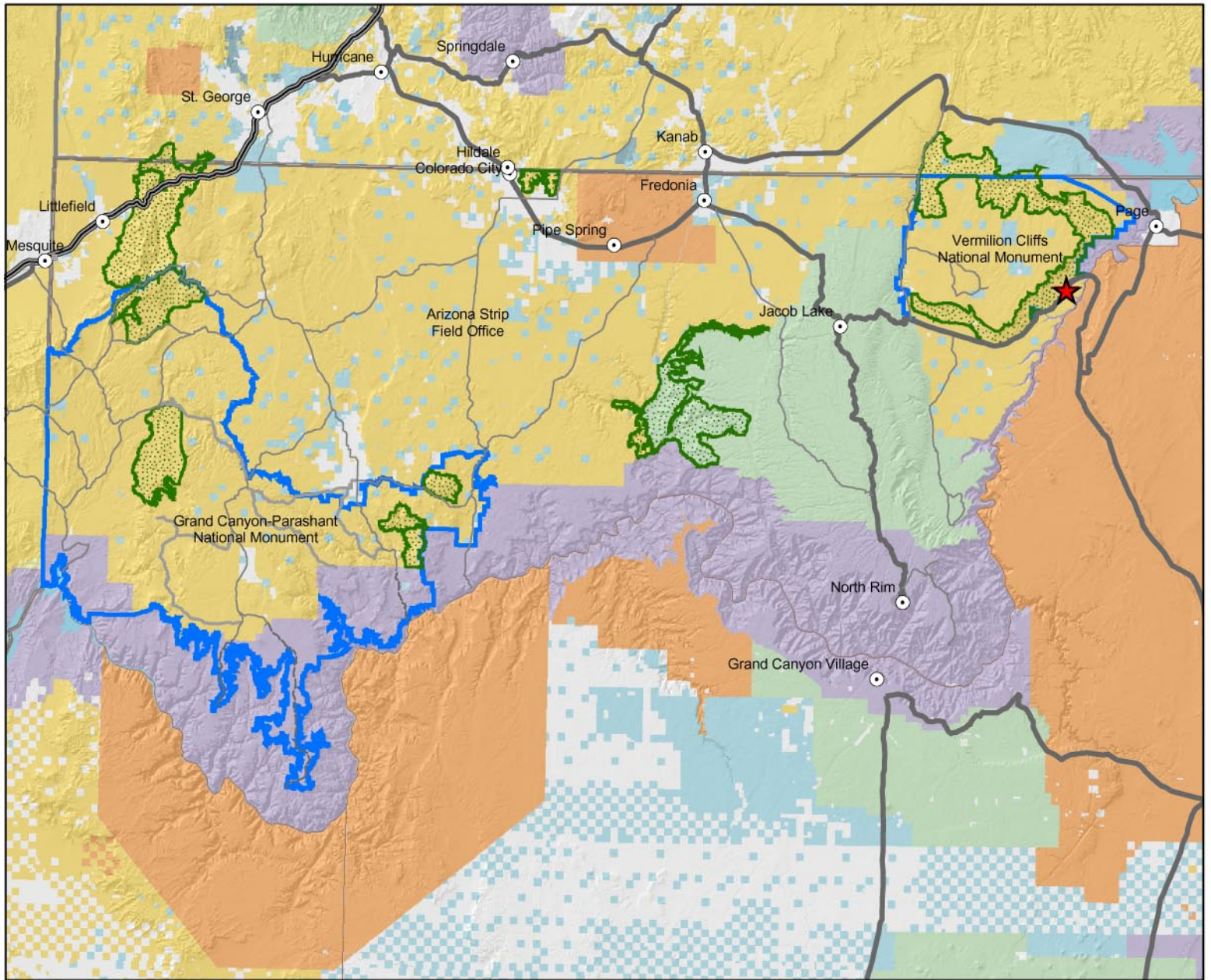
An additional archaeological survey shall be required in the event the proposed project location is changed, or additional surface disturbing activities are added to the project after the initial survey. Any such survey would have to be completed prior to commencement of the project.

If in connection with operations any human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P. L. 101-601; 104 Stat. 3048; 25 U.S.C. 3001) are discovered, the proponent shall stop use in the immediate area of the discovery, protect the remains and objects, and immediately notify the Field Office Manager. The proponent shall continue to protect the immediate area of the discovery until notified by the Field Office Manager that operations may resume.

5. There is potential for the spread of noxious and invasive weeds from equipment contaminated with weed seed and/or biomass. To reduce this potential, the BLM requires the following measures be taken: The operator will thoroughly power wash and remove all vegetative material and soil before transporting equipment to the work site to help minimize the threat of spreading noxious and invasive weeds. This includes trucks, trailers, and all other machinery. The operator shall be responsible for the eradication of noxious weeds on disturbed areas within the limits of the work site during the contract period. The holder is responsible for consultation with the authorized officer and local authorities for implementing acceptable weed treatment methods. Any use of chemical treatments will be made using only chemicals approved in BLM's EIS, by a state certified applicator who will abide by all safety and application guidelines as listed on the product label and Material Data Safety Sheet (MSDS). Any reclamation efforts requiring seeding will be done with certified, weed-free native seed.
6. Use of herbicides shall comply with the applicable Federal and state laws. Herbicides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and within limitations imposed by the Secretary of the Interior. Prior to the use of herbicides, the holder shall obtain from the authorized officer written approval of a plan showing the type and quantity of material to be used, weed(s) to be controlled, method of application, location of storage and mixing areas, method of cleansing and disposing of containers, and any other

information deemed necessary by the authorized officer. Emergency use of herbicides shall be approved in writing by the authorized officer prior to such use.

7. The holder shall recontour the disturbed area and obliterate all earthwork by removing embankments, and backfilling excavations to re-establish the approximate original contours of the land in the right-of-way.
8. Prior to termination of the right-of-way, the holder shall contact the authorized officer to arrange a pretermination conference. This conference will be held to review the termination provisions of the grant.
9. Upon grant termination by the authorized officer, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 60 days, or otherwise disposed of as directed by the authorized officer.
10. The stipulations, plans, maps or designs set forth in Exhibit A, dated June 4, 2007 attached hereto, are incorporated into and made a part of this grant instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.



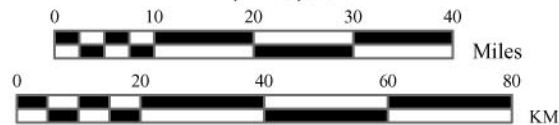
Legend

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| Area of NEPA Project | Bureau of Land Management | National Park Service | Interstate |
| Designated Wilderness | State Lands | Indian Lands | Primary Routes |
| Monuments | Private Lands | National Forest | Secondary Routes |
| | | | Light Duty Routes |
| | | | 4WD Routes |

Location Map



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CAUTION:
 Land ownership data is derived from less accurate data than the 1:24000 scale base map. Therefore, land ownership may not be shown for parcels smaller than 40 acres, and land ownership lines may have plotting errors due to source data.

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management for the use of the data for purposes not intended by the BLM.

