

## DECISION RECORD

**DECISION:** It is my decision to authorize the Salado well pipeline, storage and trough relocation project. The relocation of the troughs will reduce wildlife disturbance due to recreational activity by eliminating accessibility via the main road, and serve as primary wildlife water sources, especially during drought years.

Location of project is as follows:

Fort Stanton National Conservation Area (NCA) Township 9 S. Range 15E. Section 8, in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Rationale for Recommendations: The proposed action and alternatives would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. The proposed action and alternatives is consistent with the management actions and prescriptions identified in the 1997 Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The proposed action and alternatives are consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Endangered Species Act, as amended, and the Rangeland Management Plan (1997).

The protection procedures for the proposed action are attached as stipulations. Any additional mitigation measures identified for the proposed action in the environmental impacts section of the attached environmental assessment have been formulated into stipulations. This decision incorporates by reference, the attached stipulations.

The proposed decision will become the final decision without further notice. Any person who is adversely affected by the final decision of the authorized officer may file a written appeal to the Final Decision for the purpose of a hearing before an administrative law judge under 43 CFR 4.470. A period of 30 days after the decision becomes final is provided in which to file an appeal and a petition for stay of the decision in this office (43 CFR 4160.3 [c] and 4160.4)

/s/ Jerry Dutchover

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