United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Threatened & Endangered Species
No Affect - May Affect
Determination

Project Lead :	Frederick Marcell
Case Number :	N-76647
NEPA Project #:	N/A
Sec. 7 Log Number :	NV-052-04-025

I. Proposed Action:

On December 17, 2002, the 107th U.S. Congress passed Public Law 107-350 (P.L. 107-350) directing the Bureau to convey 2,880 acres of land from Bureau management to Clark County, Nevada. The land shall be conveyed to provide a suitable location for the establishment of a centralized shooting range in the Las Vegas Valley, and to provide the public with opportunities for education and recreation, and a location for competitive events and marksmanship training. The Congress found that: the Las Vegas area has experienced such rapid growth in the last few years that traditional locations for target shooting are now to close to populated areas for safety; there is a need to designate a centralized location in the Las Vegas Valley where target shooters can practice safely; and a centralized facility is also needed for persons training in the use of firearms, such as local law enforcement and security personnel.

II. Legal Location:
T18S, R60E, Sections 25 S½, 26 S½, 27 S½, 34, 35, and 36

III. Determination:
The above action has a may affect determination for the threatened desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*). This project will have no affect on any other federally listed species or designated critical habitat. Section 7 Consultation for this project is covered under the Programmatic Biological Opinion for the Las Vegas Valley (1-5-96-F-23R.2). No terms and conditions pertain to this action.

III. Rationale:
This project lies within the Las Vegas Valley programmatic area outside of the exclusionary zone. Conveyance of the 2,880 acres of undeveloped land from the Bureau to Clark County will change land title only, causing no direct physical change to the land or to the existing land use. However, once Clark County acquires the land, they will develop the shooting range. Therefore, it is the eventual development after the conveyance that would cause physical impacts to the land and in turn to the species associated with them both directly and indirectly.

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