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Memorandum

To: Bruce Taubert, Assistant Director
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From: William T. Civish, Field Office Manager
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Subject: Verbal Communication with Permittees and Private Land Owners
Pertaining to the Proposed Reestablishment of Desert Pupfish, Gila
Topminnow, Loach Minnow, and Spikedace, and Augmentation of Gila
Chub, Longfin Dace, Speckled Dace, Sonora Sucker, Desert Sucker, and
Lowland Leopard Frog into Multiple Springs and Streams within the
Muleshoe Ecosystem.

The Bureau of Land Management, Safford and Tucson Field Offices, in coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona State University, and Arizona State Land Department have formed the Muleshoe Native Fishes Planning Team (MNFPT). The MNFPT proposes to reestablish spikedace, loach minnow, desert pupfish, and Gila topminnow, and to augment populations of Gila chub, longfin dace, speckled dace, Sonora sucker, desert sucker, and lowland leopard frog into suitable habitats within Redfield, Cherry Springs, and Hot Springs, canyons, collectively referred to as the Muleshoe Ecosystem.

In 2004 and 2005 permittees and private land owners within or adjacent to the proposed project site(s) were contacted via telephone and in person by BLM employees and the Arizona Chapter of The Nature Conservancy employees to inform them of the proposed native fish reestablishment and augmentation project within the Muleshoe Ecosystem.

All individuals contacted were informed that both threatened and endangered fish species were being proposed for reestablishment into the above mentioned drainages. No opposition to the proposed project was encountered during the contacts, nor were any written comments received by Bureau of Land Management or the Arizona Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Information pertaining to these contacts with permittees and private land owners were shared and discussed at the Muleshoe Native Fishes Planning Team meetings as well as during one-on-one conversations with planning team members.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me at your earliest convenience: (928) 348-4400.

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