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RE: Notice of Availability of Draft EA

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Dear Interested Party:

The City of Boulder City has completed and is making available for public comment an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The purpose of the Regional Training and Shooting Facility project is for the City of Boulder City and the City of Henderson to establish a joint safety training facility. The training facility would host firearm training and certification courses on shooting ranges and in classrooms. The facility would include two, 50 yard tactical ranges, three qualification ranges, a 400 yard high power rifle range, sniper/rapel tower, a 3,300 foot loop emergency vehicle operator's course, shade canopies, and storage units for all ranges. The facility is considered essential to the cities of Henderson and Boulder City because it will provide their law enforcement officials with access to the training that they need for maintaining certifications required for their law enforcement careers.

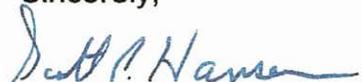
Please note that both the EA and draft FONSI will be posted at <http://www.bcnv.org/publicworks/project.asp>

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Draft EA from:

Susan Tester
City Hall
401 California Avenue
Boulder City, Nevada 89005
stester@bcnv.org

Interested parties may submit comments on the EA and this unsigned FONSI to the City of Boulder City by 5:00 on October 17, 2011. Comments via letter, fax or email should be sent to Susan Tester at the information above.

Sincerely,


Scott P. Hansen, P.E.,
Director of Public Works

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Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Washington, D.C. 20531

Draft Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., a Draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for providing Federal financial assistance to the City of Boulder City, Nevada to establish a public safety training facility. The proposed project is subject to NEPA review because it is being funded, in part, with Federal funding available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Proposed Action

The purpose of the proposed project is for the City of Boulder City and the City of Henderson to establish a joint public safety training facility. The training facility would host firearm training and certification courses on shooting ranges and in classrooms. The facility would include two, 50-yard tactical ranges, three qualification ranges, a 400-yard high power rifle range, sniper/rappel tower, a 3,300-foot loop emergency vehicle operator's course, shade canopies, and storage units for all ranges. The facility is considered essential to the cities of Henderson and Boulder City because it will provide their law enforcement officials with access to the training that they need for maintaining certifications required for their law enforcement careers.

Project Location

The proposed project would be built in the Eldorado Valley on the remote edge of the City of Boulder City and at 15101 S. U.S. Highway 95. The proposed site is currently under a lease from the City of Boulder City and with the CalPortland Company who operates an aggregate materials pit on the majority of the proposed site.

Finding

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has determined that this proposed project would not significantly affect the quality of the human or physical environment. In order to avoid the potential for a significant impact, the City of Boulder City has committed to implement the requirements of a Biological Opinion throughout the construction and operational life of the proposed facility. The Biological Opinion, which is included in the Draft Environmental Assessment, was prepared by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and completed for the purpose of mitigating potential adverse effects of the proposed training facility on the desert tortoise, a species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Adherence to the requirements of the Biological Opinion would be made an enforceable condition of the release of the Federal funding. Therefore, it is not expected that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for this proposal.

Public Comment

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment from or may submit written comments relating to this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact to the following address:

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No administrative action will be taken on the project before October 17, 2011 which is 30 calendar days after the public notice of the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact.
