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Subject: Notice of Availability – Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Proposed Expansion of the Recreational Trail Along the Central Arizona Project Canal, Pinal County, Arizona (Action by 15 days from the date of this memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a draft EA to analyze the potential environmental effects of Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department's (Pinal County) proposal to develop, operate, and maintain a non-motorized, multi-use recreational trail along 39.3 miles from Park Link Drive north to Highway 79. The alignment would be located on land administered by Reclamation, Pinal County, and Arizona State Lands Department (ASLD). The draft EA considers the impacts of Reclamation's approval of the trail on Reclamation administered lands as well as impacts from potential connected actions on ASLD and Pinal County lands. The draft EA is available for public review and comment on the Phoenix Area Office web site at <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/index.html>. A paper copy or CD of the draft EA can be obtained by calling Reclamation at (480) 216-9914 or via email at nolsker@usbr.gov.

Comments are due within 15 days of the date stamp on this memorandum. All comments should be submitted to Attn: Pinal County CAP Trail Project, c/o SWCA Environmental Consultants, 20 East Thomas Road, Suite 1700, Phoenix, Arizona 85012; fax to (602) 274-3958 or via email at aaron.gannon@swca.com.

If you have questions, or would like to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Nichole Olsker, Reclamation's Phoenix Area Office, via email at nolsker@usbr.gov or by calling (480) 216-9914.

By law, the names and addresses of those providing comments are available for public review. However, individuals may request that their personal identifying information be withheld from public review by stating so prominently at the beginning of your comment. These requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law. All comments from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

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