

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST

Mid-Pacific Region
Lahontan Basin Area Office

Project Name: Culvert Extensions into Naval Air Station Fallon for Perimeter Fence Improvement

CEC Number: LO-2011-1026

Cost Authority: A20-1912-4999-100-00-0-0

Date: 8/17/2011

Exclusion Category: *516 DM 14.5 D.10* – Issuance of permits, licenses, easements, and crossing agreements which provide right-of-way over Reclamation lands where the action does not allow for or lead to a major public or private action.

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Reclamation will write a consent letter authorizing construction within the right-of-way held by the United States.

Location:

W1/2 W1/2 S.10, T18N, R29E, M.D.M

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Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

1.	This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. (40 CFR 1502.3).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
2.	This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E) and 43 CFR 46.215 (c)].	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
3.	This action will have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
4.	This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principle drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
5.	The action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk (43 CFR 46.215 (d)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
6.	This action would establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
7.	This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
8.	This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau (in coordination with a Reclamation cultural resources professional, RM LND 02-01 D(1)(a)) (43 CFR 46.215 (g)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
9.	This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes

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10.	This action would violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
11.	This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (E.O. 12898) (43 CFR 46.215 (j)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
12.	This action would limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (E.O. 13007 and 43 CFR 46.215 (k)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
13.	This action would affect Indian Trust Assets. (To be completed by Reclamation official responsible for ITAs) (S.O. 3175; Policy Memorandum dated 12/15/93).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes
14.	This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, E.O. 13112, and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)).	☒ No ☐ Uncertain ☐ Yes

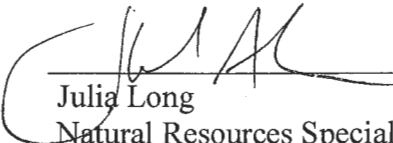
NEPA Action Recommended: Categorical Exclusion ☒ EA ☐ EIS ☐

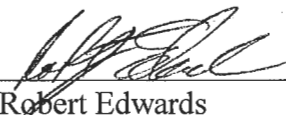
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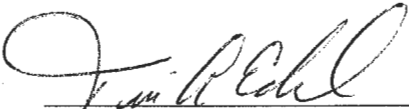
See the attached correspondence from the Mid-Pacific Region Cultural Resources Division regarding concurrence with Item 8 (cultural resources), and from Patricia Rivera regarding Item 13 (Indian Trust Assets).

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Prepared by:  Date: 09/30/2011
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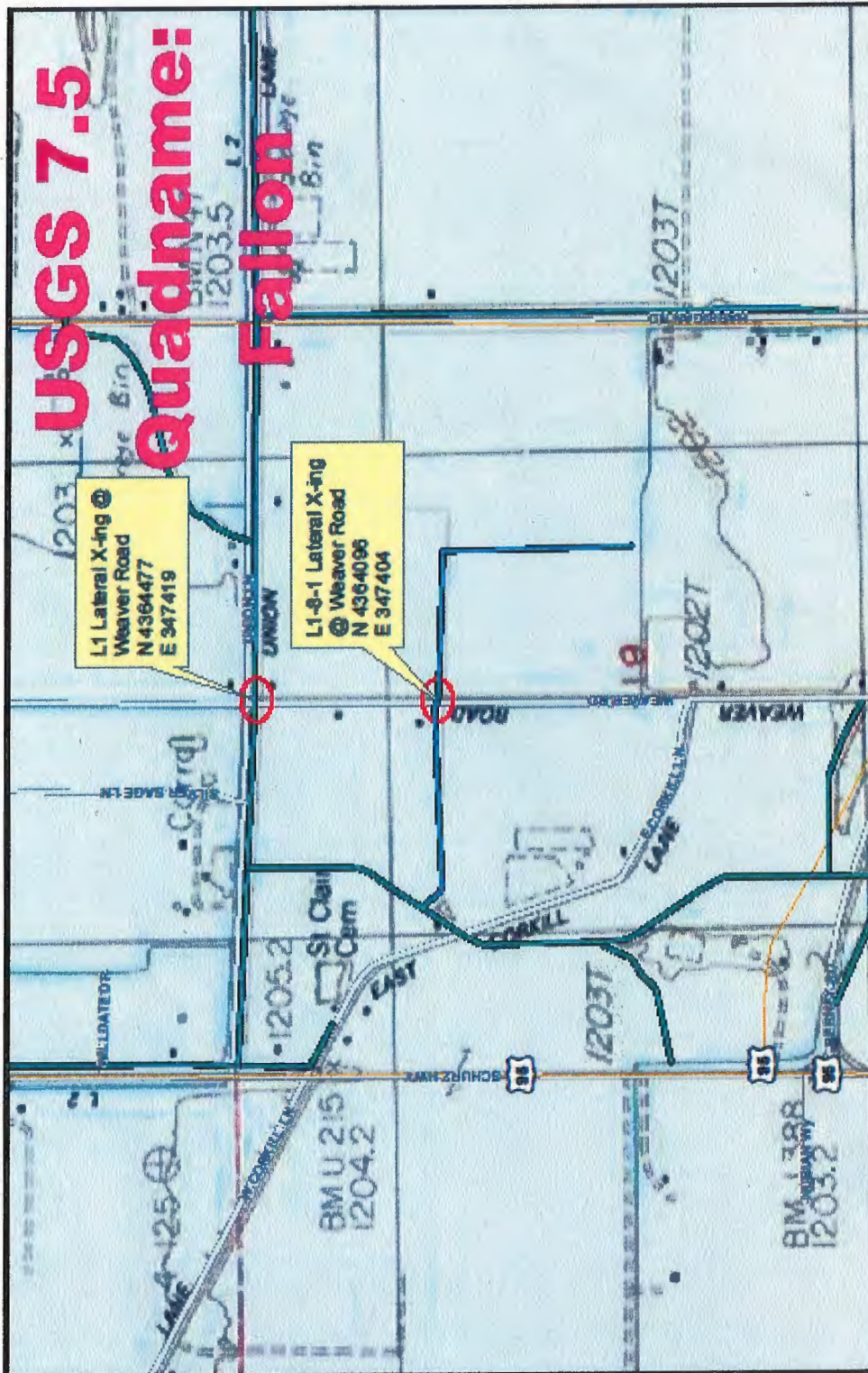
Recommended:  Date: 09/30/2011
Julia Long
Natural Resources Specialist

Concurrence:  Date: 07/30/2011
Robert Edwards
Resource Division Manager

Approved:  Date: 9/30/2011
Terri Edwards
Deputy Area Manager

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LO-2011 1020: L1 & L1-8-1 Culvert Extensions
Churchill County Road Department
UTM Zone 11, NAD 83 Coords
08/15/2011

RECLAMATION
Managing Water in the West



Lahontan Basin Area Office
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Long, Julia A

From: Bruce, Brandee E
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 3:28 PM
To: DeCarlo, Edward J; Long, Julia A
Cc: BOR MPR Cultural Resources Section; Bowers, Robin F CIV NAVFAC SW
Subject: CR-Resp Pasture Road Culvert Extension Project

Tracking #: 11-LBAO-231

Project Name: Pasture Road Culvert Extension Project

Ed and Julia,

The United States Navy (Navy) will be extending two Reclamation-owned culverts that are situated on Navy land, to provide better security and prevent unauthorized access onto the Naval Air Station (NAS) in Fallon, Nevada. The project is located along Pasture Road, along the perimeter of the NAS in section 10, T. 18 N., R. 29 E., in Churchill County, Nevada.

The Navy assumed lead federal agency status as the culverts are on their property and they will be implementing the project. The Navy prepared documentation for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). This documentation included the evaluation of two Reclamation-owned conveyance features, which are part of the Newlands Project (the L8-2-1 Lateral and the Lower Diagonal 1 Drain) located within the project area of potential effects (APE), and analysis to determine the finding effect for project implementation (no effect on historic properties per their Programmatic Agreement with SHPO).

Reclamation had the opportunity to review and comment on the documentation the Navy prepared. The Navy consulted with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the SHPO concurred with their determinations by email on September 13, 2011. Once the hard copy SHPO concurrence letter has been received by the Navy and forwarded to Reclamation, a copy will be provided for your files.

Reclamation accepts the Navy as the lead federal agency for this undertaking. Since Navy has completed the Section 106 review as the lead agency, this e-mail concludes Reclamation's Section 106 review process. Please retain a copy of this e-mail with the project files.

If cultural resources or human remains are inadvertently discovered during project construction, the Navy would have additional cultural resource obligations as the lead Federal agency. These additional obligation may include consultation with the SHPO and others as appropriate.

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Long, Julia A

From: Rivera, Patricia L
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 8:27 AM
To: Long, Julia A
Subject: RE: ITA Request - Culvert Extension at NAS Fallon

Julia,

I reviewed the proposed action to enhance base security by extending two culverts under the purview of the Bureau of Reclamation along Pasture Road into NAS Fallon in order to improve the base perimeter fence.

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The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets. The nearest ITA is Fallon Colony approximately 3 miles nw of the project location.

Patricia
