

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**Town of Snowflake, Arizona**  
**Flood Control Project**  
**FEMA-1660-DR-AZ, HMGP 1660-05-04**

The Town of Snowflake (Town), Arizona, has applied, through the Arizona Department of Emergency Management, to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Federal financial assistance to implement a flood control project (Proposed Project) in Snowflake, Navajo County, Arizona. The assistance would be provided to the Town through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (FEMA-1660-DR-AZ, HMGP 1660-05-04).

In 2002, 2003, and 2006, runoff from summer thunderstorms resulted in flooding in the area. In 2003, summer thunderstorms flooded State Route 277 and damaged portions of the Apache Railroad south of the Snowflake Industrial Park. The Town's wastewater treatment plant, which is approximately 0.5 mile east of the project area, is threatened repeatedly by floodwaters. The Town's proposal to improve stormwater drainage would reduce the risk of loss or damage to private and public facilities from stormwater flooding. The improvements would include constructing or improving drainage features that retain, channel, or divert stormwater flows. The Town's proposal consists of the construction of two detention basins and associated spillways and improvements to the drainage channel.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, FEMA has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Project to address the Proposed Project's potential impacts on the environment. The Final EA was prepared after a Draft EA was submitted for public review and comment. FEMA received two comment letters on the Draft EA. The comments and the responses to them have been incorporated into the Final EA. The Final EA is available at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region9.shtm>.

Based on the conditions and the information contained in the Final EA, and in accordance with FEMA's FEMA's regulations in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10 (2009) (Environmental Considerations) and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), and 12898 (Environmental Justice), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared based on the fact that there would be no long-term adverse impacts on the quality of the human environment resulting from the proposed project. This Finding of No Significant Impact serves as the Final Public Notice for compliance with Executive Order 11988. Information required by 44 CFR Part 9.12(e) is provided in the Final EA.

For more information, contact the undersigned at (510) 627-7027. No action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after the publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.

  
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Regional Environmental Officer

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