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In Reply Please Refer To:
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2-21-95-F-319

Mr. Thomas Bonomo, District Ranger
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Dear Mr. Bonomo:

This acknowledges the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) receipt of your June 29, 1995 letter (2670) regarding the section 7 consultation on the Cienega Allotment proposed permit reissuance (2-21-95-F319). We understand that the affect determination has been changed from a Not Likely to Adversely Affect to a No Affect. This was done following the guidelines of the Forest Service Region 3 programmatic biological assessment of 7 April, 1995.

We understand that you made a No Affect determination because the proposed action includes fencing the Gila topminnow site at Johnson Wash Spring to exclude livestock completely. We also understand that no physical disturbance of the site will occur during construction of the fence. Monitoring of the aquatic habitat will also be done and if a need for vegetation control arises, you will contact this office prior to any action.

We concur with your No Affect determination and agree to a withdrawal of formal consultation. Our concurrence with a No Affect determination is dependent on the fence being constructed shortly after the permit is issued. A reasonable time frame would be one year from the date of this letter. If no fence is constructed and livestock continue to have access to Johnson Wash Spring, there would potentially be a May Affect situation.

Also, as a reminder, any additional work possibly affecting the site may require section 7 consultation. If you have any questions or concerns about this consultation or the consultation process in general, please feel free to contact Doug Duncan or Ted Cordery.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sam F. Spiller
State Supervisor

cc: Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque (AES)
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