

**DECISION MEMO  
Zig Zag Fence  
Poison Springs Allotment  
Tonto Basin Ranger District  
USDA Forest Service  
Gila County, Arizona**

**Decision and Rationale**

It is my decision to reconstruct approximately 1.5 miles of fence and construct approximately 1.5 miles of new fence along benches associated with the Salt River within the Poison Springs Allotment (Sections 24-26, of T4N, R13E, and Sections 30, and 31 of T4N, R14E; map attached). The fence is needed to manage livestock distribution to improve existing vegetation cover and vigor within the pasture. This decision fits Category #9 (FSH 1909.15, Chapter 31.2) and does not include any extraordinary circumstances; therefore, I have excluded this action from preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

**Public Involvement and Scoping**

The Poison Springs Allotment permittee was contacted and involved in determining potential locations of the fence. A scoping letter was sent out to interested/affected parties regarding supplemental information to the Eastern Roosevelt Lake Watershed Analysis Area (ERLWAA) FEIS. This document is tiered to that analysis. The supplemental information included the need for reconstruction and construction of the new fences. No issues or concerns regarding the construction of the new fence were identified through those contacts. A Record of Decision for the Poison Springs/Sierra Ancha Allotments is expected to be issued in the summer of 1998. This decision does not foreclose the selection of any alternative considered in detail in the ERLWAA FEIS.

**Finding Required by Other Laws**

The Zig Zag Fence is located in Management Area 6J of the Tonto National Forest. The project is consistent with the intent of the forest plan's long term goals and objectives listed on pages 19 through 23. The project was designed in conformance with forest plan standards and incorporates appropriate forest plan guidelines for riparian management (forest plan, page 41).

No threatened, endangered or sensitive species were found in the project area. A Biological Assessment and Evaluation was completed and is included in the project record for this project. A "no effect" determination was made by the Zone Wildlife Biologist.

A cultural resource clearance has been completed with concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Officer.

**Implementation Date**

This project may be implemented immediately after my approval in this Decision Memo.

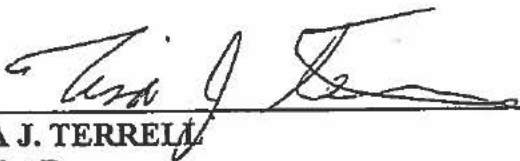
**Appeal Rights Statement**

This decision is not subject to appeal in accordance with 36 CFR 215.8(a)(4).

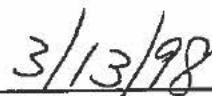
**Information Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this decision contact the District Ranger, Tina J. Terrell, Tonto Basin Ranger District, HC02 Box 4800, Roosevelt, AZ, 85545, (520) 467-3200.

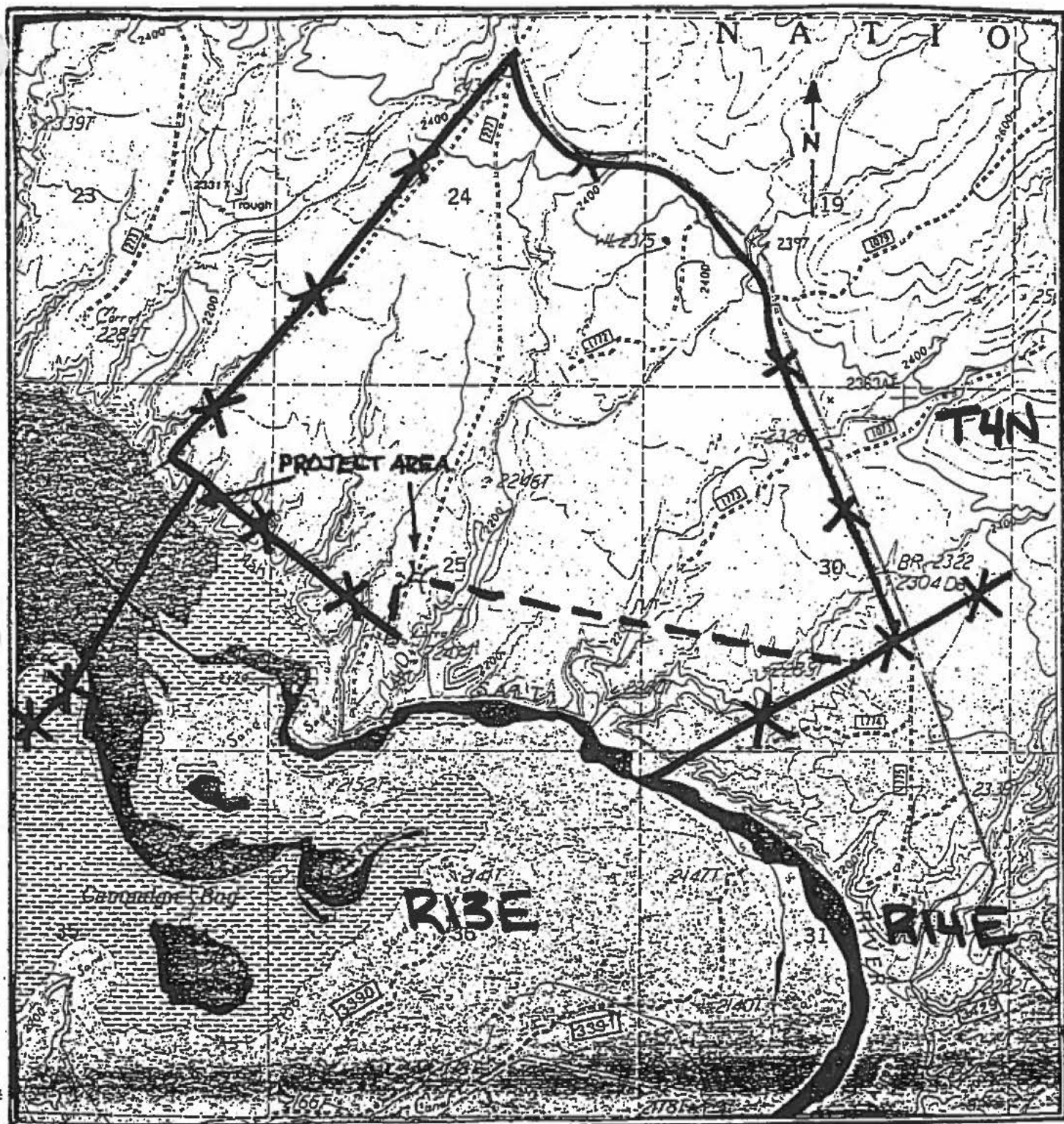
**Signature and Date**



TINA J. TERRELL  
District Ranger  
Tonto Basin Ranger District



Date



PROJECT LOCATION MAP

Zig Zag Fence