ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 13-104

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: West Pigeon Water Development Project

Region and Game Management Unit: Region 1 / GMU 27

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):

Was the project presented to the LHPC?

Safford HPC YES[X] NO[]

Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES[X] NO[]

If Yes, was it funded? YES[] NO[X]

*Was directed that project be broken into several phases for funding. → HPC Project #:

Project Type: Water Development – New

Brief Project Summary:

The purpose of this water system is primarily to provide perennial water to mule deer, whitetail deer, turkey, bear, and a variety of other native wildlife (game as well as non-game species). The secondary use of this project will be to have better control of livestock distribution when these pastures are seasonally occupied by livestock. The drinkers will be filled and water available year round by the permittee, AZGFD, or the USFS. This pipeline will carry water to support 2 storage tanks and 5 drinkers distributed throughout the Pigeon and HL Canyon pastures of the Pigeon allotment on the Clifton Ranger District.

I was asked last year to break this project into several phases for implementation. Phase A of this project will be the acquisition of the pipe, drinkers, vents, fittings, and miscellaneous hardware required for the project. The supplies will be stored at the T-Link headquarters, or at the USFS Clifton Ranger District. Phase B will be to fly in the storage tanks, and level them. Also in Phase B will be to distribute supplies at the project location. Phase C will be the final installation of the materials and filling of the storage tanks and drinkers.

Funding is requested for Phase A in 2013/2014, though the entire project is submitted for clarity and completeness.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Mule Deer(40%), Whitetail Deer(35%), Turkey(10%), all other game and nongame species(15%).

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date: April 2014

Project End Date: T.B.D.

Environmental Compliance:

NEPA Completed: YES[X] No[] N/A[]

Projected Completion Date: Per USFS Categorical Exclusion -

September 15, 2010

State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance:

YES[X] No[] N/A[]

Projected Completion Date: Per USFS Categorical Exclusion -

September 15, 2010

Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A[]

To be Completed by: Joyce Francis- extension in 2013

Projected Completion Date: T.B.D./project completion

PROJECT FUNDING						
Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:		\$ 69,485.24 Phase A; of \$97,696.00 total				
Cost Share or Matching Funds:		\$ 170,640.00 total to date				
Total Project Costs:		\$ 268,336.00				
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION						
Applicant (please print): Steve Najar Wildlife Manager II, Unit 27 South	Address: 2878 E. White Mountain Blvd. Pinetop, AZ 85935		E-mail: snajar@azgfd.gov			
Telephone: 928-965-5066 Date: August 28, 2013 AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel):						
Project has been coordinated with: AZGFD, USFWS, NRCS, USFS Clifton Ranger District, Robert L.						
Fletcher/ T-Link Ranches						

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

This project was designed to augment/add to the Pigeon Restoration Project, which was a combination of mechanical thinning and a landscape scale prescribed burn. Monies for this project have come from AZGFD ACCESS dollars that were given back to the Department by T-Link Ranches, and LIPP dollars that were also used by the landowner for this project, along with additional private funding by T-Link Ranches(total match to date: \$160,640.00, which includes ACCESS, LIPP, Heritage/IIAPM and private monies). Domenic Barrett, USFWS, has already funded one drinker (Drinker #5), and the necessary pipe, valves, fittings, etc... needed on the private land to begin the pipeline with USFWS project monies. This was funded in the amount of \$5,000.00 which would bring the total match monies to date up to \$165,640.00 This leaves the four drinkers on USFS land that still need to be installed. The desired outcome will be to provide yearlong dependable water sources to the west side of the Pigeon Allotment for mule deer, whitetail, turkeys, bear, javelina, quail, and other game and nongame species.

This area has been highly dependent upon summer monsoon moisture and winter moisture contained in dirt tanks in the past. No dependable year round water sources have historically been available. T-Link Ranches has already done extensive repairs and maintenance of existing range improvements; such as improving fences and cleaning dirt tanks. The Pigeon Restoration Project achieved excellent results for wildlife habitat through the use of prescribed burning. Thus, the last remaining factor to greatly enhance wildlife values in this area is to provide a dependable water system.

The well on private land is complete, and the pump and a diesel generator are already in place. A private company has already donated two (2) storage tanks that will hold approximately 3,200 gallons each to the project. All that is left is to install the pipe and drinkers to finalize the implementation of this project.

NRCS – Safford District was consulted for assistance with the engineering necessary for project implementation. All materials and plans meet the NRCS standards. The formal project plans are available through the Safford office, and will be used during installation of the water system. Pages from the engineering plan are attached as Appendix 1.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

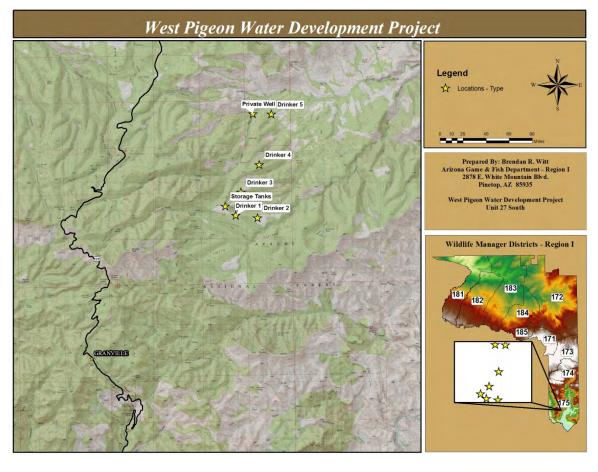
The purpose of this water system is primarily to provide perennial water to mule deer, whitetail deer, turkeys, bear, and a variety of other native wildlife (game as well as non-game species). The secondary use of this project will be to have better control of livestock distribution when these pastures are seasonally occupied by livestock, thus improving overall conditions of herbaceous and browse plant species throughout the entire year.

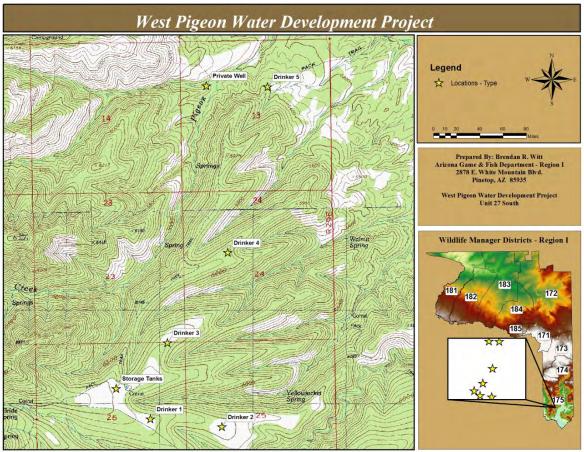
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

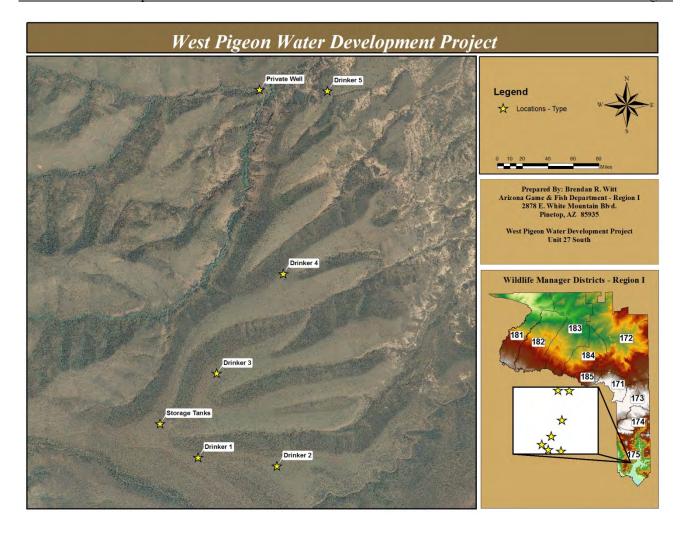
A well that is located on private land will provide water to approximately 6.5 miles of surface pipeline. This pipeline will carry water to support 2 double-walled storage tanks (already donated to this project by a private company, approximately 3,200 gallons each valued @ \$40,000.00) and 4 drinkers distributed throughout the Pigeon and HL Canyon pastures of the Pigeon allotment on the Clifton Ranger District. The pipeline would primarily follow existing FS road #475C to a spot near Wing Tank where the storage tanks will be placed. The storage tanks will be flown to their location by helicopter, thus saving the expense of making the road into the location accessible to trailers. Improvements to the existing road just to enable placement of the two storage tanks would not be cost effective and would be outside the scope of this project. From the storage tanks the pipeline would then continue along the ridgelines with drinkers spaced approximately every ½ mile to 1 mile apart. The permittee will maintain water in all troughs year round and will be responsible for the future maintenance of the system.

PROJECT LOCATION:

TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SECTION		
2S	31E	4,9,16		







LAND OWNERSHIP AT PROJECT SITE (Please state specifically if PRIVATE PROPERTY and provide landowner's name):

USFS - Clifton Ranger District; T-Link Ranches - USFS Permittee

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP or LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT? YES[X] NO[]

<u>Permission has been granted by the permittee to access and use the well on private land whenever needed for wildlife purposes (attached).</u>

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

The project area is primarily Madrean pine-oak woodland, with some semi-arid desert grassland associated along the ridge tops. This area has the potential to carry large numbers of wildlife, and has responded well to the Pigeon Ecosystem Restoration Project prescribed burn. The limiting factor in this area at present time is reliable water sources.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds*

- 4 H/W steel livestock trough (10' x 30" wide x 24" deep) (Liberty Fence Supply, Show Low, AZ)
- 4- 3/4 "bronze float valve assembly (Grainger's, Phoenix, AZ)
- 4- 1" brass ball valves (Grainger's, Phoenix, AZ)

- (2) \$276.93 each = \$1,107.72
- a \$84.00 each = \$ 336.00
- @ \$30.00 each = \$ 120.00

Total drinker costs = \$1563.72

14,012 feet 1 1/4" Galvanized Steel Schedule 40 pipe
(Liberty Fence & Supplies – Show Low, AZ)
1,533 feet 2" HDPE PE 4710 DR-5 500 psi pipe
(Allen Pump Company – Thatcher, AZ)
10,568 feet 1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-11 200 psi pipe
4,463 feet 1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-9 250 psi pipe
1,130 feet 1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-7 333 psi pipe

@ \$3.55/ft = \$37,516.40

0 \$0.42/ft = \$ 1,874.46

@ \$0.52/ft = \$ 587.60

Total pipe costs = \$ 65,021.52

Recommended pipe fusion kit @ \$300.00

= \$ 400.00

Miscellaneous pipe fittings/ plumbing parts/ supplies

\$ 2,500.00

*Pipe and other materials pricing based on the estimates (callbacks) received prior to deadline for submission of project proposal. Several vendors were used in order to obtain realistic estimates. Actual prices should be within this range of estimates. Materials list also based upon NRCS specifications. Galvanized Steel Schedule 40 pipe could be bought in quantity and substituted for 2" polyvinyl pipe.

Total - pipeline and drinkers

= \$69,485.24

Helicopter Time

Bell 407, Ferry @ \$1,000.00/ hour x 4 hours round trip =\$4,000.00 Work @ \$1,800.00/ hour x 2 hours =\$3,600.00 **Total helicopter costs** =**\$7,600.00**

D-4 Dozer* (cost estimate from B.L.M.; AGFD Development Branch. Based on 10 rolls per day @ 500 feet per roll = 5,000 feet per day)

50 gallons (\$4.85/gallon) = \$242.50 fuel

2 men @ \$30.00/hour (8 hour day) = \$480.00

242.50 + 480.00 / mile [722.50/5280 = \$.137/ linear foot installation cost]

\$.42 / linear foot pipe 5280 feet (.42) = \$2217.60

.42 + .137 =\$.556 / linear foot actual cost

*Estimate based on costs for D-4 Dozer to <u>bury</u> pipe. Costs expected to be similar due to ferry time/miles, terrain, and remote location. Use of steel pipe will reduce dozer time, but increase man-hours needed for installation. Estimate is given as an approximation of installation costs.

Installation of drinkers: transport/leveling/assembly/adjustments approx =\$1,500.00

Total project costs expected to be approximately:

=\$97,696.00

Cost Share or Matching Funds

Access/donated back to project by T-Link Ranches (\$44,000.00)

LIPP (51,545)

Heritage/ IIAPM (\$10,000)

Private money from T-Link Ranches (20,095.00)

Donation of the two storage tanks (\$40,000.00), name withheld by request.

Total \$165,640.000 match, has already been used by the Department and the landowner for this project.

Additional \$5,000.00 from USFWS was used for drinker and piping on private land.

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

Region I personnel, and AZGFD Development Branch, will provide logistical support in the construction and will continue to coordinate with the USFWS, USFS, NRCS and the permittee. Construction photo points will be established and a completion report will be on file following installation and construction.

NEPA and Archeological surveys have already been completed by the US Forest Service – Clifton Ranger District.

Permission has been granted by the permittee to access and use the well on private land whenever needed for wildlife purposes (attached).

Fish & Game Department

March 7, 2011 USDA - Forest Service Clifton Arizona District Arizona Fish and Game This letter authorizes the Forest Service Clifton District ("FS") and the Arizona Fish and Game Department ("F&G"), at their expense, to pump and use water from the Fletcher WJ well located on private property, HES-488, located on the Pigeon Allotment, Forest Service Clifton District, Greelee County, Arizona. The well and the private property are owned by T-Link Ranches, Inc. ("T-Link"). This authorization run's concurrently with the ten year Forest Renewal permit issued to T-Link, and will terminate when the current Forest Renewal permit terminates. This authorization can only be renewed by mutual agreement of the FS, F&G and T-Link. This authorization does not transfer or give water rights to any party. T-Link retains all of its existing well and water rights. This well may be used by FS and F&G only to pump water up to storage tanks at Wing Tank, with drinker lines running away from the tanks to supply water for livestock and wildlife. Bob Fletcher President, T-Link Ranches Forest Service

E-mail regarding Ammendment to extend E. A. Checklist Documentation Dated 8/28/2013

Hi Steve,

Just wanted to let you know that Joy approved the amendment for the new funding, pending HPC approval, and extended timeframe for the project. If anything else should change (i.e. scope of work, funding, etc.), please contact PEP so we can ensure you are properly covered from the compliance end of things.

Thanks,

Ginger Ritter

Project, Evaluation Program Specialist

Phone: 623-236-7606 Fax: 623-236-7366

Arizona Game and Fish Department-WMHB 5000 West Carefree Highway Phoenix, Arizona 85086





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Habitat Branch Log #: M11-05161610 Amendment 1

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT AMENDMENT MEMO

TO: Joyce Francis, Habitat Branch Chief

FROM: Steve Najar, Wildlife Manager III, Unit 27 South

THROUGH: Ginger Ritter, Project Evaluation Program Specialist

SUBJECT: Amendment 1 to EAC #M11-05161610 - West Pigeon Water Development

Project

DATE: August 27, 2013

I am proposing a few minor modifications to the existing EAC, West Pigeon Water Development Project (#M11-05161610). Proposed modifications are new funding sources and extension of the planned completion dates.

FUNDING SOURCE:

1. New, additional funding sources have been identified for this project:

FUNDING TYPE: USFWS Federal Aid Federal (Other) State Other No AGFD Funding Used	FUNDING SOURCE NAME(s) & INDEX #(s): (select appropriate fund & remove the rest) • PR Grant (PR, CMS) – Original EAC • Special Tag Fund (STF) – New
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PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Construction photo points will be established and a completion report will be on file following construction.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

The permittee will maintain water in all troughs year round and will be responsible for the future maintenance of the system.

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Steve Najar - Wildlife Manager II, Unit 27 South 928-965-5066

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (see attached worksheet):

TREE SHEARING (AGRA-AXE, PUSH) PROJECTS (see attached worksheet): N/A

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT WATER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHEET

PROJ	ECT NAME: West Pigeon Water Development Project
1)	Is the water development listed as a priority in the most recent "Wildlife Water Development Annual Implementation Schedule?" No.
2)	Please list the Development Branch personnel and date coordinated with for this project. Planning assistance provided by Ed Jahrke, Joe Currie, Mark, Davis. August 2011
3)	What is the estimated annual inches of precipitation for the area? (mark one) []2-4 []4-6 []6-8 []8-10 []10-12 [X]12-14 []14-16 []>16
4)	Is there a perennial water source available to big game within four miles of this project? YES[X] (please complete #5 below) NO[] (skip #5 below)
5)	For the accessible, perennial water source nearest this project: Name of water source: Turkey Creek Type of water source (catchment, spring, dirt tank): Perennial stream Ownership of water source: USFS Distance in miles from project: 3.5 miles
6)	Is the target wildlife species a result of transplant efforts? YES[] NO[X]
7)	Please list any special land management status for the project site (i.e. Wilderness, National Park, National Monument). If private land, list landowner.
	ssion has been granted by the permittee (Robert L. Fletcher, T-Link Ranches) to access and use the n private land whenever needed for wildlife purposes (attached).
8)	Please provide the following information about access to the proposed site: Type of access (mark one): []2x4 vehicles [X]4x4 only []foot only** **If foot access only: Distance in miles: Approximate hiking time:

- -- Does access to this site require crossing private or tribal lands? YES[X] NO[]
- -- Please describe any restrictions to public access:

General public is not allowed on the private property. Permission has been granted to AGFD and USFS by the permittee to access use the well on private land whenever needed for wildlife purposes (attached).

9) Please list below (or on a separate sheet) the <u>material type and dimensions</u> of each component proposed to be added, modified, or repaired.

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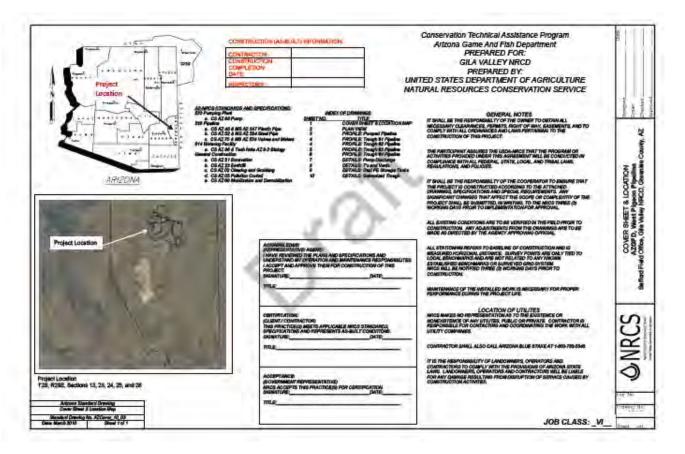
10) Was a site visit completed? Yes[X] No[]

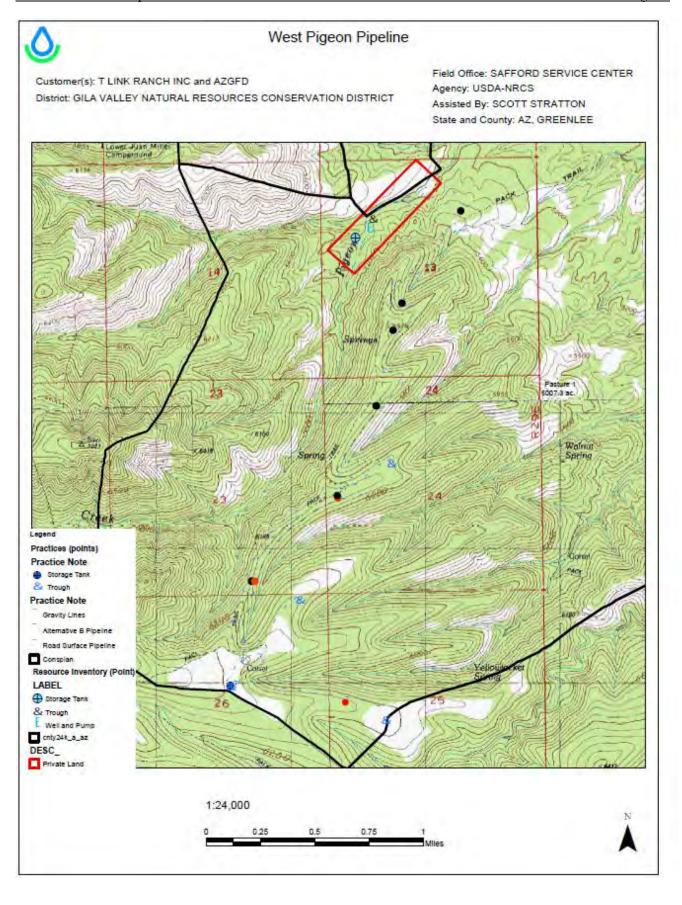
If Yes, please list personnel that attended and date.

Steve Najar, AZGFD and Donna Reed USFS, Clifton Ranger District; April 2010

Steve Najar, AZGFD and Scott Stratton NRCS, Safford; August 2013.

Appendix 1 - NRCS Technical Assistance





West Pigeon Pipeline Project Draft Design

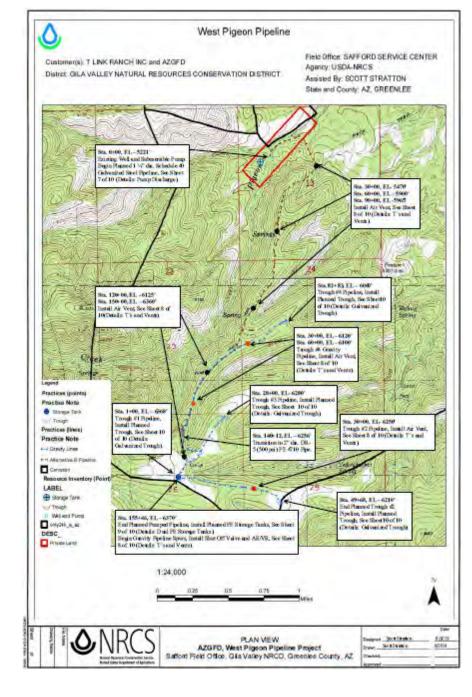
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Pumped Portion @ 11.5 gpm (Surface Installation Along Existing Road per USFS I r original	USFS Di Decision)
Pipe Type	Length (ft)
1 1/4" Galvanized Steel Schedule 40	19682
2" HDPE PE 4710 DR-5 500 psi	2359
Total	22041
Trough #1 Gravity (buried)	
1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-11 200 psi	100
Trough #2 Gravity (buried)	
1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-11 200 psi	4973
Trough #3 Gravity (buried)	
1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-11 200 psi	2805
Trough #4 Gravity (buried)	
1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-11 200 psi	2690
1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-9 250 psi	4463
1" HDPE PE 4710 DR-7 333 psi	1130
(Actual length is 8295 ft, 1000 ft of it can be part of Trough #3 Gravity)	8283

All Pipe (Risers) at Planned Troughs and Storages should be new galvanized pipe.

Optional Pumped Pipeline Route (Approved by Clifton Ranger District Carol Telles District Ranger 8/28/13)

1 1/4" Galvanized Steel Schedule 40		14012
2" HDPE PE 4710 DR-5 500 psi		1533
	Total	15545



APPROVAL E-MAIL FROM USFS DATED 8/28/2013

Scott,

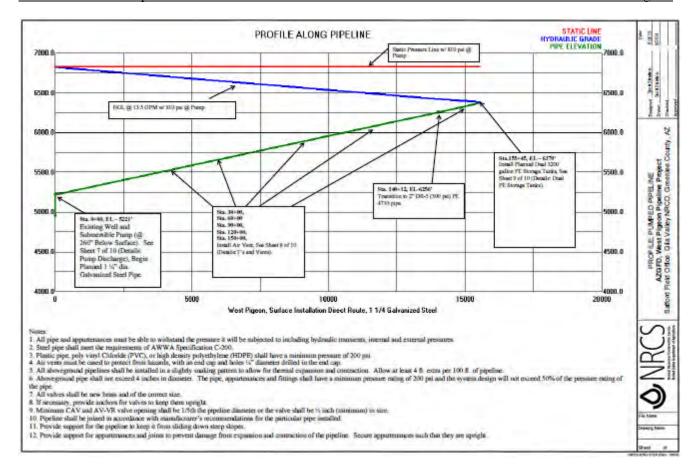
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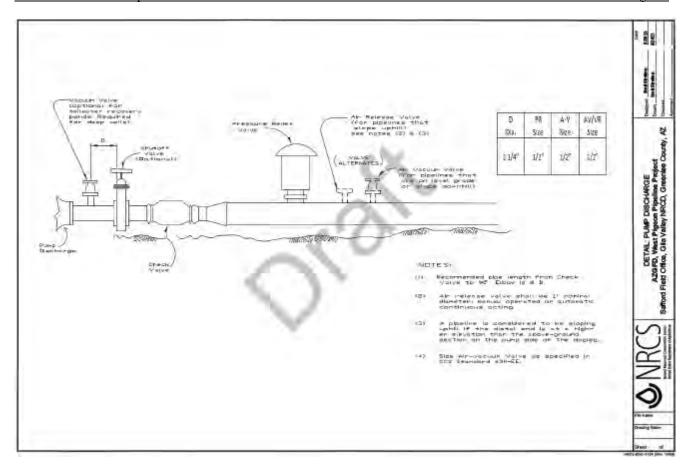
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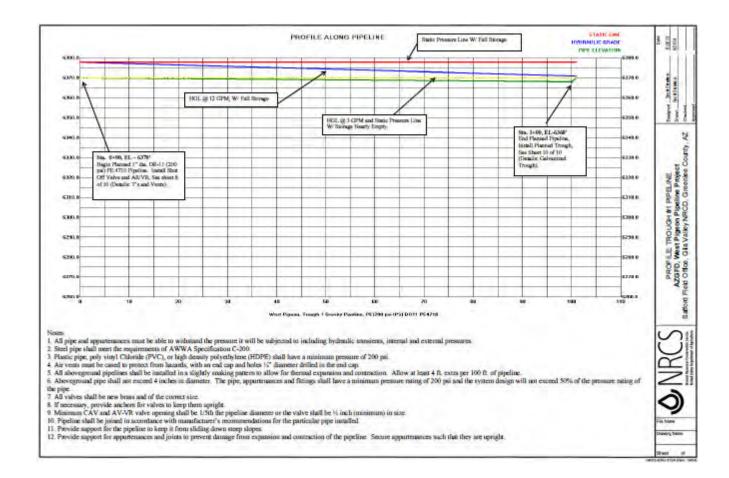
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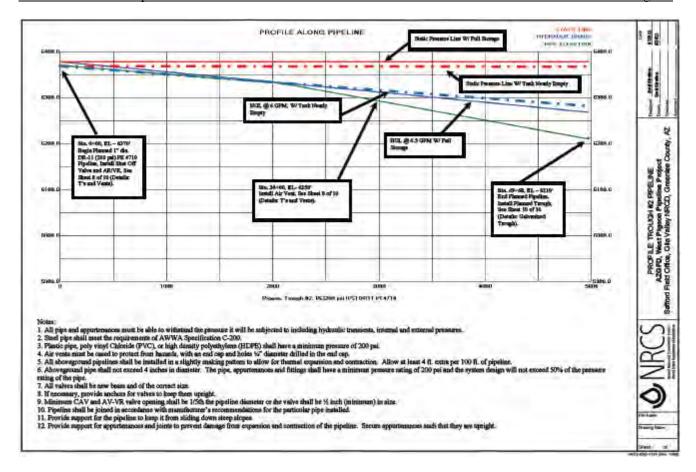
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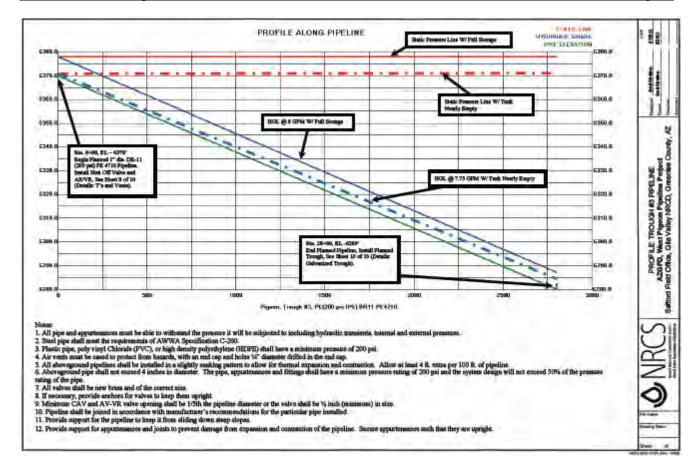


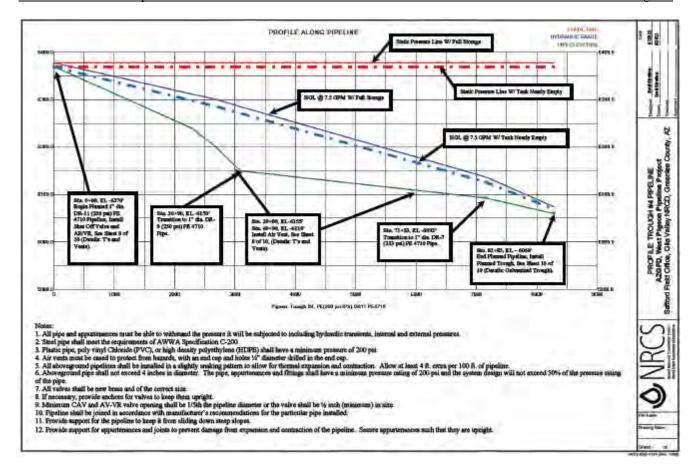
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2	14011.0	14012.0	0.00	13.50	6256.0	1.380	140	404.52	6418.48	2.89	70.4	248.9
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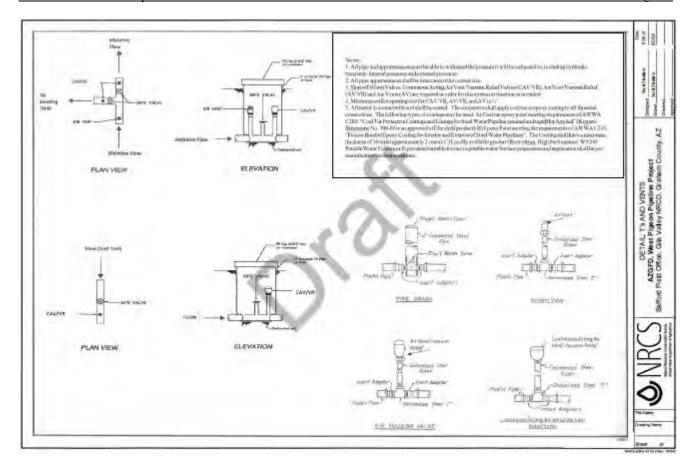












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Above Ground Tank, Anchor Design Data

