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NOTICE OF DECISION WOLFHOLE LAKE ALLOTMENT VEGETATION TREATMENTS DOI-BLM-AZ-A010-2018-0032-EA

Dear Interested Party:

Please be advised that an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared (DOI-BLM-AZ-A010-2018-0032-EA) to analyze the proposal for the Grazing Permit Renewal, Vegetation Treatments, and Structural Range improvements for the Wolfhole Lake and Lizard allotments located on the Arizona Strip Field Office. This EA went through an interdisciplinary resource specialist and public review process. A Notice of Proposed Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) were signed July 15, 2019 for the Grazing Permit Renewal, Vegetation Treatments, and Structural Range Improvements for Wolfhole Lake and Lizard allotments. A Notice of Final Decision (NOFD) was signed on December 9, 2019. The NOFD was received by Western Watersheds Project (WWP) on December 11, 2019. WWP filed an appeal on January 10, 2020; this appeal was considered timely as it was within the 30-day appeal period. The BLM determined that further internal review of the Decision was in order. The BLM requested to remand the NOFD, WWP concurred, and the judge granted this motion on August 6, 2020. The BLM determined that issuing one decision for the proposed vegetation treatments, as well as a separate decision for the grazing permit and proposed structural range improvements, was appropriate. The BLM determined that the vegetation treatments and livestock grazing permit with proposed range improvements are spatially related, but are in fact two separate projects or activities, so they should be addressed under separate decisions.

The EA can be found at the BLM's NEPA Registrar ePlanning: https://go.usa.gov/xGKpX. This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary (see enclosed FONSI, DR, and Form 1842-1).

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Cutler, at the address listed above, by email at mcutler@blm.gov, or by phone (435) 688-3277.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: FONSI DR Form 1842-1