

**BORDER BARRIER SYSTEM PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
TUCSON SECTOR - U.S. BORDER PATROL**

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date and Time: 9 December 2003 10:00
 Meeting Location: Phoenix – HDR Offices
 Suite #350 3200 E. Camelback Road
 Phoenix, AZ 85018-2311
 (602) 522-7700

MEETING PURPOSE

PDT Meeting

INTRODUCTIONS

10:00 – 10:15 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	
1. Report on Ephraim Ridge Real Estate	(b)(6)	
2. MOU developed for Bureau of prisons to fabricate fence extension for DGL – need work statement from (b)(6)		
3. Follow up on contract for GSRC to prepare EA for RVS in Douglas AO – need survey and engineering support – need purpose statement developed by HDR – funding followed up by (b)(6) – access to sites reviewed by (b)(6) and HDR		
4. Final Plans Nogales first ½ mile of 2-Miles by 1 Dec.		
5. SWPPP responsibility for construction and ongoing reporting - Kleinfelder & Stations		
6. SWPPP training – need proposed dates and costs for training		
7. Fill material source located for February deployment to Douglas		
8. WWD foundation change to grouted rock – Baker to check on Geotech – AzANG to check with constructing unit		
9. (b)(6) needs digital copies of Douglas construction plans.		
10. Baker needs official comment resolution sign off on Nogales Tunnels from the PDT.		
11. Articulated concrete units specifications		
12. Inspector that will be at 10 Feb 2004 JTF-6 deployment must be at the 19 November meeting with the constructing units commander.	Baker	
13. Construction practices and procedures to avoid defects conference call 21 November 2003	All	
14. Organ Pipe NM Temp Vehicle Barrier EA, copy to GSRC	(b)(6)	
15. Trade information on ROE formats		
16. Rent 6" forms for next JTF-6 deployment		

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ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
Environmental Working Group	
1. Mitigation costs possible from BA to be provided to (b)(6)	(b)(6)
2. The Naco-Douglas Corridor SEA internal review comments by 7 November. GSRC will revise the preliminary final and submit the final and FONSI to HQ CBP for staffing 24 November. Final EA and signed FONSI for 30 November.	All
3. Tucson checkpoint (b)(7)(E) - GSRC still needs some information from (b)(6) (Ajo) regarding strategic enforcement reasons the checkpoint needs to be relocated	(b)(6)
4. Letter drafted to USF&WS Phoenix Field Office for CBP signature regarding Yuma BO and Tucson/Yuma BA; the letter should also acknowledge the USFWS cooperation	(b)(6)
5. PEIS Matrix due 12 Dec. followed by 19 December 2003 conference call	(b)(6)
6. Naco Douglas Corridor SEA FONSI, track down and forward once signed	(b)(6)
7. Strategy Document for TCA NEPA Docs	GSRC

10:15 – 10:20 RVS
Monthly Report

10:20 – 10:45 MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS
Arizona National Guard

WWD – West of DGL POE

- Oregon National Guard – June 2004, 30 soldiers for two 2-week deployments
- Alaska National Guard – 15 soldiers May 2004
- Survey Crew from Idaho N.G.

Douglas Erosion Control

Tentative deployment of S. Carolina National Guard for June 2004.

Douglas Roadway West of POE

- Illinois N.G. 10 July 2004

JTF-6

LOCATION	PLANNER	START	END
NACO, AZ USBP (Patrol Roads)	(b)(6)	10-Feb	30-Mar
DOUGLAS, AZ USBP (Patrol Roads)	(b)(6)	10-Feb	30-Mar
ORGAN PIPE, AZ, NPS (Vehicle Barriers)	(b)(6)	15-Mar	15-Apr
NOGALES, AZ USBP (Patrol Roads)	(b)(6)	Jul	Aug

10:45 – 11:15 ENGINEERING

Baker Eng. - updates and discussion

Douglas, Lighting (5 Miles) Split East and West of the POE, Preliminary and Final Design.

Douglas, Construction Oversight and Staking.

Douglas, 13-Miles Roadway, Preliminary and Final Design - *Anten*

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*not
done
not track*

Douglas, International Ditch, Preliminary and Final Design
Naco, Lighting (5 Miles) Split East and West of the POE, Preliminary and Final Design
Naco, Primary Fencing, Preliminary and Final Design
Naco, Construction Oversight and Staking
Nogales, Construction Oversight and Staking
Nogales, Aerial West of Nogales
Nogales, Schematic Design — *intended*
Sonoita, Preliminary Design — *intended*
Permanent Survey Markers
Temporary Vehicle Barriers
Naco, 10-miles Roadway, Preliminary and Final Design *60% intended 13 Jan 2004*
Nogales, 1-1/2 Miles Roadway, Final Design *completed but for intended review 13 Jan 2004*

11:15 – 12:00 ENVIRONMENTAL

GSRC - updates and discussion

PEIS Tucson & Yuma (AERC 225)

Checkpoints (b) (7)(E) AERC 499

Checkpoint - [REDACTED] AERC 227

Nogales BPS (AERC 503)

BA – Operations – Tucson & Yuma (AERC 51)

Naco-Douglas SEA (AERC 218)

FONSI signed 17 November

Nogales Infrastructure EA (AERC #255 & 218 ENV #225)

The FONSI for the Nogales Various Infrastructure Improvements final EA was signed on 17 October.

Douglas Whitewater Draw

Sonoita

Nogales Schematic Design

Temporary Vehicle Barriers (Nogales & Sonoita Stations)

Naco BA

Douglas Dip 5 (report complete)

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:30 REAL ESTATE

USACE – (b)(6)(b)(7)(C)

Douglas Lighting (5 Miles) Split East and West of the POE

Douglas, 13-Miles Roadway (8 miles west & 5 miles east)

Douglas, International Ditch

Naco, Lighting (5 Miles) Split East and West of the POE

Nogales, 2-Miles Roadway

First ½ mile – ROEs 9work within 60'

1-½ miles - Construction & ROW Acquisition

Nogales, Schematic Design

Sonoita, Preliminary Design and Coordination

Permanent Survey Markers

Temporary Vehicle Barriers

Western Region – (b)(6)

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Report on costs and viability of acquiring additional real estate near Ephraim Ridge
Ephraim Ridge ROEs for surveys and construction access

finding requested Basalt

- 1:30 – 1:45 PROCUREMENT**
BOM for JTF-6 Deployment 10 February 2004
- 1:45 – 2:00 OTHER ITEMS**

NEXT MEETINGS

- 13 January 2004 – Tucson Station, 10:00 am**
17 February 2004 – HDR Phoenix, 10:00 am
23 March 2004 – Tucson Station, 10:00 am
27 April 2004 – HDR Phoenix, 10:00 am
25 May 2004 – Tucson Station, 10:00 am
22 June 2004 – HDR Phoenix, 10:00 am
27 July 2004 – Tucson Station, 10:00 am
24 August 2004 – HDR Phoenix, 10:00 am
14 September 2004 – Tucson Station, 10:00 am

*day after
pres. day -
do we need
to move it?*

FY04 TUCSON SECTOR DEPLOYMENTS

Task Name	Duration	3rd Quarter			4th Quarter			
		Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Naco and East of POE Douglas Large Deployment Split	35 days							
JTF-6 NACO, AZ USBP (Patrol Roads W. of POE)	35 days							
JTF-6 DOUGLAS, AZ USBP (Patrol Roads E. of POE)	35 days							
ORGAN PIPE - National Park Service	22 days							
JTF-6 ORGAN PIPE, AZ, NPS (Vehicle Barriers)	22 days							
Nogales First 1/2 Mile Roadway	20 days							
JTF-6 (Patrol Roads)	20 days							
Douglas White Water Draw - West of POE	38 days							
Oregon National Guard 2 - 2 week deployments	20 days							
Alaska National Guard	10 days							
Idaho National Guard - Survey Crew	10 days							
Douglas Erosion Control West of POE	10 days							
S. Carolina National Guard	10 days							
Douglas Roadway West of POE	10 days							
Illinois National Guard	10 days							

Task	Milestone	External Tasks
Split		
Progress		



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Tucson PPT-meeting 12/9/03

Action Items

- 1) Graham Edge - report done - would not transport - needs to return
- 2) NOAA - BOP - season done ~~update~~
- 3) GSA - SA MS, security etc - draft ~~with~~ SOW done - access needed
- 4) Nogala final plans 1/2 mile of 2 miles
- 5) SWPPP - station coordination w/ Klipfelter - need engineering ^{group} 8:00 ^{labor} call
 - ~~Friday~~ ^{Friday} @ 8:00 am
- 6) SWPPP training - Calif Content - getting costs
 - 1st part of February - Friday
- 7) Fill material source in Nogala in Feb report 48 yds ^{area}
- 8) WWP formation - Baker
 - Oklahoma cancelled
- 9) (b)(6) - get plans
- 10) Baker comments still pending
- 11) Antidebt/contractants
- 12) 2/10/04 JTF-6 was at 11/19/03 - reporter take at meeting
 needs to be at January meeting 1/22/04 @ 8:00 am
- 13) Copy call 11/21/03 on procedure construction practices
- 14) Organ pipe
- 15) unit 6" pipe need to check on # of feet of - Calvin has 200 linear ft.
- 16) 10E permits tracked OFAT - concerns at Water Region

Meeting EWG

- 1) Mitigation costs being worked on
- 2) NOAA (Nogala) SEA - FANSE
- 3) VIMS -
- 4) 3/04 letter out
- 5) Nitix copy call
- 6) 7) Starts DOE for work

ROS

no monthly report
 Stop work order because GSA control in dispute
 control over development not construction



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Military Requirements

Col Moya now ANS POC right to 8/06

- Requirements

Alaska in 1st 2 weeks in May

Idaho - Silverdale

ILCWA - 10-24 July

Dec 26-30 on site meeting w/NG in Douglas

WWD, excise project, ballads, low water avoing

JTF-6 - Naco roads

- Douglas - roads

organizing

Hogley - possible ANS could Asphalt

Engineering

Douglas -

Douglas slightly not clarity

- Costumer " "

13 miles - Findings

1.5 miles @ 100% JTF6

4 miles w/NG @ 95% ANS

100% due 13 Jan 08

Potential risk

N

(b) (6)

drawings

Events

BEES return

v ports TDA court 12/21

v port 85 send out this or not wet

Hogley Done

GA network

Naco Douglas SEA & structures PO

Douglas WWD mitigation

Sonoma - needs to E

Hogley return " "

Vehicle basis - needs locations

50 miles split between

Aio, waco, Sonoma etc

13 Jan 08





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Naco btt - meeting today

Douglas w/ 5 report done last meeting

Action ~~Item~~ ^{Item} PEIS meeting
- ROEs Sonoma & Napa

Lead Estate

Napa's Lytle - nothing done

" 1/2 mile ROE's ~~at~~ ^{out} can come back in

Napa's Schuster

Sonoma meeting in Feb w/ Forest Service

contact property this week

Napa's 3/4 mile construction ROW - ED ownership
1/2 mile Roadway get info state.

Procure

not spoken w/ (b)(6)

Date: 12/4/2003 11:06 AM

Sender:
To:

(b)(6)

bcc:

Priority: Normal

Subject: TCA PDT EWG Meeting Agenda for 9 December

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(b)(6)

Senior Project Manager

(b)(6)



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TCA PDT Environmental Working Group Meeting

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5. Strategy Document for TCA NEPA Docs	GSRC

2. SUMMARY OF NON-PDT ACTIVITIES (REGIONAL)

- a. PEIS Tucson & Yuma (AERC 225)
- b. RVS for TCA (AERC 255) *done*
- c. Rescue Beacons (AERC 497)
- d. Checkpoints (b)(7)(E) (AERC 499)
- e. Nogales BPS (AERC 503) - FONSI Signed
- f. BA – Operations – Tucson & Yuma (AERC 51)

3. SUMMARY OF PDT ACTIVITIES (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- a. Naco-Douglas SEA (AERC 218) – FONSI Signed
- b. Sonoita Station Roadways
- c. New Items

5. NEXT MEETING

13 January 2004 – Tucson Station, 8:30 am





(1)

Tucson PDT - EWG Meeting 12/9/03

mitigation - in progress

- a lot of ancillary costs
- take land -

- need EA + Real Estate Costs

USPL - probably good idea

Can water work

Xenotopia

land purchase

Education

Hot water pipes & water ~~to~~ on demand

Check points needed purpose & need to stay

PEIS Meeting - Dec 12/12/03

Tucson PEIS

ROS Tucson - included in Nogales chapter

Review beacons on TOW ~~is~~ is pending

Checkpoints on (b)(7)(E) extended to 12/21 for public comment

Nogales - force

BA questions being revised

transfer ROS activities or ROE - liability issues

A/O ROS need ROE's

Obama faith - annual report per report

Naco Nogales - signed - BA to be discussed w/ F&WS

Prognosis of SHPO - has been recommended to continue 106 work

SWIP for Naco Nogales - BAF&ER to develop

Concrete Station roadways - need ROE's may still be needed





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~~Day~~ - ~~449~~ 12/19/03

Action Items

(b)(6) e-mail on mitigation efforts

USF&WS letter on 12/21/03

Company call 12/16/03 @ 7:00

NERC call w/ #

SIAPP at POT meeting

December 2003 Arizona Environmental Actions Report

Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: Survey

Document Title: Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Road Improvements

Project Actions: 5 miles of post action surveys and 18 miles of new road construction and improvements on NWR

Project Details: USBP graded about 5 miles of road without prior surveys. Post action report to document no activities outside existing road (a maintenance operation CATEX). Area within home range of Sonoran pronghorn antelope(USFWS).

Current Status Summary: Field reconnaissance to occur week of 22 September; field surveys 2 weeks after; document circulated for review.

Draft:

Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: Survey

Final:

FONSI:

ROD:

NOI:

NOA:

Scoping:

**Preliminary
Draft:**

**AERC / USACE
Review Dates:**

USBP POC:

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

(b)(6)

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)

Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: EA

Document Title: EA for Temporary Vehicle Barriers in Tucson, Nogales and Sonoita Stations

Project Actions: Installation of Temporary Vehicle Barriers, Tucson Sector

Project Details: Installation of barriers at high traffic areas anywhere within the Tucson Sector at various loactions along a 50-mile corridor - no cultural surveys or biological resources surveys are expected.

Current Status Summary: NTP issued, reconnaissance to identify sensitive areas and markings to identify off-limits areas based on sensitive resources to occur in beginning of November 2003.

Draft:

Final:



Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: EA

FONSI:

ROD:

NOI:

NOA:

Scoping:

**Preliminary
Draft:**

**AERC / USACE
Review Dates:**

USBP POC:

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

(b)(6)

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)

Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: EA

Document Title: EA for 10 miles of road construction in Nogales Station, Santa Cruz County, AZ

Project Actions: 10 miles of roads in Nogales Station AO.

Project Details: 5 miles of major road construction and improvements on either side of Nogales POE and up to 500 ft. north of the international border.

Current Status Summary: NTP issued, work needs ROE's prior to beginning surveys.

Draft:

Final:



Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: EA

FONSI:

ROD:

NOI:

NOA:

Scoping:

**Preliminary
Draft:**

**AERC / USACE
Review Dates:**

USBP POC:

(b)(6)

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)

Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: EA

Document Title: EA for 27 miles of Road Improvements Sonoita Station, Santa Cruz County, AZ

Project Actions: 27-miles Road improvements EA, Sonoita Station

Project Details: Road grading with some repair and installation of drainage structures. Most of the work is on National Forest Service land.

Current Status Summary: NTP issued, work needs ROE's prior to beginning surveys.

Draft:

Final:



Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: EA

FONSI:

ROD:

NOI:

NOA:

Scoping:

**Preliminary
Draft:**

**AERC / USACE
Review Dates:**

USBP POC:

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

(b)(6)

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)



Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: BA

Document Title: Biological Assessment for Infrastructure within the Naco- Douglas Corridor, Cochise County, Arizona

Project Actions: Biological Assessment for proposed Infrastructure in Naco Corridor. To address impacts from construction across approx. 49 miles within USBP Naco and Douglas USBP AO's.

Project Details: Satisfys the Section 7 requirements brought up in the Supplemental EA for Infrastructure within USBP Naco-Douglas Corridor, Cochise County, AZ

Current Status Summary: The issue of water withdrawal from San Pedro Basin might affect critical habitat for 2 fish and 1 plant species. BA is being prepared to address concerns per USFWS and BLM. Water withdrawal from San Pedro Basin will be the primary issue. Ft. Huachuca and Sierra Vista have recently implemented measures to reduce water demands. USBP might have to implement similar conservation measures, which could include trucking water in from outside sources, acquiring agricultural lands for preservation, using other wetting materials for dust control, etc. (USFWS).

Draft:

Final:



Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number new action

Action Type: BA

FONSI:

ROD:

NOI:

NOA:

Scoping:

**Preliminary
Draft:**

**AERC / USACE
Review Dates:**

USBP POC:

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

(b)(6)

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)

Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number 139 (changed from 148)

Action Type: EA

Document Title:

Supplemental Environmental Assessment For Infrastructure Within U.S. Border Patrol Naco-Douglas Corridor, Cochise County, Arizona

Project Actions:

Environmental Assessment for 31-mile Enforcement Zone Infrastructure System, Naco, AZ and 26 miles in Douglas, AZ. A combination of infrastructure components

Project Details:

Environmental Assessment to address implementation of a 56-mile border enforcement system through a combination of infrastructure components (roads, fences and lights) in Naco and Douglas POE's. Formerly ENV 148 and one other.

Current Status Summary:

Project being coordinated through the Tucson PDT. Comments to the Preliminary Draft have been provided. Public scoping meeting held 18 November 2002. PDT decided, based on guidance from HQ, to combine Naco and Douglas into a Supplemental EA for the Naco-Douglas Corridor. Draft SEA was distributed for public review on 7 Feb 03; comment period was extended from 7 May to 30 June. PDT reviewed response matrix 23 Sept. 2003.

Pre-final sent to PDT; comments due 7 Nov 03. Final EA expected 24 Nov 03.

Draft:

Public Review Extended to June 30, 2003 by (b)(6) Letter sent by (b)(6) and USACE. PDT reviewed response matrix on 23 Sept 2003.

Final:

PFEA 7/10/03 FEA pending comment resolution
PFSEA expected mid Oct 2003
Final expected 24 Nov 03

Aerc Number: 218

DOCUMENT ENV Number 139 (changed from 148)

Action Type: EA

FONSI:

ROD: N/A

NOI: N/A

NOA: 5/7/2003

Scoping:

Preliminary Draft: Naco-Douglas EAs combined into one; Due 3-12-03

AERC / USACE Review Dates: PDEA 3/13/03 to 3/26/03; DSEA released 5/7/2003

USBP POC:

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

(b)(6)

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)



Aerc Number: 498/497

DOCUMENT ENV Number not assigned yet

Action Type: EA

Document Title: EA For Installation and Maintenance of 10 Rescue Beacons on the Tohono O'odham Nation

Project Actions: Formerly part of Desert Grip II (ENV 145), Desert Grip (an operations related action) separated into 6 separate EA's including ENV 226, 227, 228 and others TBA. Beacons (AERC #497) off the TON (ENV 227) FONSI signed 19 June 2003

Project Details: EA for Ten Rescue Beacons on the Tohono O'odham Nation, USBP Tucson Sector, AZ

Current Status Summary: Preliminary draft complete. Tohono O'odham council has objected to the beacons so the draft has not been released yet.
On Hold

Draft: Holding due to pending discussions with the Nation.

Final:



Aerc Number: 498/497

DOCUMENT ENV Number not assigned yet

Action Type: EA

FONSI: See Summary

ROD: NA

NOI: N/A

NOA: pending

Scoping: NA

Preliminary Draft: 30-May-03

AERC / USACE Review Dates: 6-Jun-03

USBP POC:

(b)(6)

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)

Aerc Number: 499

DOCUMENT ENV Number TBA

Action Type: EA

Document Title:

EA for the Operation of Three Temporary Checkpoints on the (b) (7)(E) USBP Casa Grande Station, Arizona

Project Actions:

Temporary USBP Checkpoints on the (b) (7)(E) in the Tucson Sector and Ajo and Casa Grande AO's.

Project Details:

1 of 2 EA's began as 4 checkpoints in Tucson Sector and part of Desert grip II. These checkpoints occur along (b) (7)(E) and County Roads (b) (7)(E) within the (b) (7)(E)

Current Status Summary:

The Draft Temporary Checkpoint EA off the (b) (7)(E) went out 7 July to the public. (b) (7)(E) checkpoint comments due 7 August 2003. The preliminary Draft EA for the checkpoints on the (b) (7)(E) has been completed, but we are waiting for approval from the (b) (7)(E) to release it to the (b) (7)(E). Both of these EAs were conducted under AERC # 499.

Draft submitted for review on (b) (7)(E) 5 Sept 2003. Pending approval by (b) (7)(E) Council.

Pending (b) (7)(E) Council decision; Public review on (b) (7)(E) extended 30 days; Comment period to close 17 Nov 03. The council is still reviewing the issue. Their fear is that additional roads might be constructed to circumvent the checkpoints.

Draft:

pending

Final:



Aerc Number: 499

DOCUMENT ENV Number TBA

Action Type: EA

FONSI:

ROD: N/A

NOI: N/A

NOA: On hold until uses issues are resolved on the (b) (7)(E)

Scoping: N/A

Preliminary Draft: The preliminary draft EA for one temporary checkpoint off the (b) (7)(E) submitted for internal review; Submitted to (b) (7)(E) 15 Sept 2003.

AERC / USACE Review Dates: Went out with comments due 14 August 2003.

USBP POC:

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

(b)(6)

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)



Aerc Number: 225

DOCUMENT ENV Number 90

Action Type: PEIS

Document Title:

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for USBorder Patrol Activities within the Border Areas of the Tucson and Yuma Sectors, Arizona

Project Actions:

Programmatic EIS and Associated Tasks - USBP Yuma and Tucson Sectors, AZ (DO 007)

Project Details:

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for USBP Yuma and Tucson Sectors - focus is on expansion of operations. Initial draft was sent out with defined infrastructure construction projects included and confused everyone. Document restructured.

Current Status Summary:

Realigned document to focus on operations and the types of infrastructure needed for them. Initial public impression was that the USBP planned to have the border completely fenced and leveled. Programmatic evaluation of daily operations for both sectors, includes air reconnaissance, SAR, checkpoints, dragging roads, patrols (particularly off-road).

Public comments resulted in revision of document to remove specific references to actual infrastructure projects, to go back to what was stated in the public scoping announcement. Revised Preliminary Draft PEIS reviewed by PDT EWG 20-21 August 2003; Revised document distributed for review and comments due 29 October 2003.

Internal comments on final revision extended to 29 Oct 03. Comment matrix for review by participants to be prepared in 2-3 weeks; conference call to be held to discuss the matrix, date for the call to be set at the December 9, 2003 PDT meeting, matrix due 12 December.

Draft:

During a 22 April 2003 conference call it was decided to issue a revised draft PEIS that only address potential infrastructure in a cumulative manner. GSRC was tasked with preparing a comment resolution letter informing recipients of the USBP's decision. GSRC prepared and submitted a draft resolution letter on May 17, 2003 to (b)(6) for review. See comments on Final. The Tucson-Yuma PEIS revised draft went out 15 July. Comments due 7 August. The EWG conference in August in Phoenix to discuss any unresolved issues. Dates for the meeting are 20 & 21 August (the next PDT meeting is 19 August in Phoenix). HDR was assigned conference set-up duties.

Comments from the 20-21 August review session are now incorporated into a new draft distributed for review; comments to be returned by 29 Oct 2003. All data previously requested must be received by that date. A copy has been given to (b)(6) USBP, for CBP review.

No CBP comments been received; CBP will provide review before document is released to the public.

Aerc Number: 225

DOCUMENT ENV Number 90

Action Type: PEIS

Final: Should be released early next year?

FONSI: N/A

ROD:

NOI: 01-Sep-00

NOA: 11/18/2002

Scoping: Oct-Nov 2000

Preliminary Draft: 4 preliminary drafts to date

AERC / USACE Review Dates: extended to 14 Feb; Current version internal review period ends 29 Oct 2003

USBP POC:

AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

(b)(6)

AZ

Contractor POC:

Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:

(b)(6)

Aerc Number: 51

DOCUMENT ENV Number Yuma: 40, 141, 186 Tucson: 38

Action Type: BA

Document Title:

Biological Assessments for USBP Daily Operations Tucson and Yuma Sectors, AZ

Project Actions:

Biological Assessments for USBP Daily Operations Tucson and Yuma Sectors, AZ (DO 043) ENV. # Yuma= 40, 141, 186 / Tucson= 38; AKA Tucson Sector BA

Project Details:

Two Biological Assessments for USBP Daily Operations; one in Tucson(ENV 38) and one in Yuma(ENV 186) Sectors; consultation shifted from Phoenix to Tucson USFWS office and additional species requested by FWS Tucson office.

Current Status

FWS pushing for critical habitat designation for jaguar in Nogales/Sonoita areas - will have an impact on USBP projects if successful (USWFS).

Summary:

According to (b)(6) at USFWS, we are at the top of the list once they complete the BO's for the military remanded BA's. FWS owes us a letter requesting an extension. Tucson BA being revised for changes in PEIS. Final QA/QC by USACE expected by 17 Nov 03.

Draft:

Yuma--9/27/02; Tucson 10/24/02. (b)(6) has not completed the Draft BO for the Yuma Sector as of 6/12/03. Internal review 3 July 03. Internal comments due 25 July 03. Conference call scheduled 14 August. Pending BO from USF&WS in Yuma and Tucson.

Document submitted to FWS week of 1 Dec 2003; conservation measures were identified and costs estimates were provided by USACE (b)(6) to PDT for review.

Final:

Revised Final BA expected by the end of October for Tucson Sector
Need Draft BO from Phoenix office FWS to complete Yuma Sector; final BA was accepted in January 2003.

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DOCUMENT ENV Number Yuma: 40, 141,186 Tucson: 38

Action Type: BA

FONSI: N/A

ROD: N/A

NOI: N/A

NOA: N/A

Scoping:

**Preliminary
Draft:**

**AERC / USACE
Review Dates:**

19 Nov 2003 by USACE (b)(6)

USBP POC:

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AERC POC:

USACE POC:

States:

AZ

Contractor POC:

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Contractor:

DHS Regional POC:

DHS FAE POC:



**Recommendations to the Tucson Sector Project Development Team
Regarding the NEPA Approach to Identified Projects**

Project	Recommendation	Start Date	Reason
Site Specific Projects			
Douglas Station			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 miles of primary fence • 9 miles of secondary fence • 24 miles of all-weather patrol road • 14 miles of primary fence maintenance road • 7.8 miles of drag roads • 28 low water crossings • 6 miles of permanent lighting 	Site specific Environmental Assessment (EA)	FY-04	These projects have been addressed in the Naco-Douglas 2003 Supplemental EA. The following items need to be obtained in order to proceed: SHPO concurrence, SWPPP, 404 NWP permit notification
Naco Station			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.4 miles of primary fence • 9 miles of secondary fence • 8.2 miles of vehicle barrier • 19.7 miles of all-weather patrol road • 7 miles of all-weather maintenance road • 8.4 miles of primary fence maintenance road • 5 miles of drag roads • 32 low water crossings • 7 miles of permanent lighting 	Site specific EA	FY-04	See above. Also, a BA and Section 7 consultation might be required for activities in the San Pedro watershed or if water is withdrawn from the basin.
Sonoita Station			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 to 32 miles of border and access road improvements • installation of temporary vehicle barriers 	Site Specific EA combining both projects	FY 04	This project can be addressed by a single site specific EA because there are no other actions planned in the same general area with in the next 2-3 years. The temporary vehicle barriers will be addressed as a separate EA, since they will encompass areas within several stations' AO, but they will also need to be addressed in the road improvements project.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 miles of major patrol road construction and primary fence 	Site specific EA	FY 05	This project consists of new road construction along the border for 4 miles west of the POE and 6 miles east of the POE, beginning 2 miles east of the POE. This project requires a site specific EA because construction would be major and involve up to 500-ft wide corridor.

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Ajo Station			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed expansion of Ajo Station 	Site specific EA	To Be Determined	This project is in the initial planning stage. An EA should be prepared for this project since it will encompass at least 5 acres. There is also a possibility of impacts to CFPO critical habitat.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of 10 RVS sites (TD 135) 	Site specific EA	FY-04	This project will require a site-specific EA tiered to the Western Region RVS PEA; some access road improvements might be required
Tucson Station			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of 13 RVS sites (TD 129 & 136) 	Site specific EA	FY-04	This project will require a site-specific EA tiered to the Western Region RVS PEA; some access road improvements might be required

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