RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. **Proposed Action:** Western proposes to add additional culverts to the access road just north of the Flagstaff Substation. The work will consist of removing the ground material, adding additional culverts, replacing the same ground material and adding additional material as needed in the area described. Work will be conducted within Western's right of way. Existing access roads and vehicles such as pickup trucks, crew trucks, and will be used to bring personnel and equipment to the work area.

The attached maps show the project area locations. The legal description is Section 24 Township 21 North Range 9 East Coconino County, Arizona on the Gila and Salt River Meridian. The corresponding U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute topographic maps are Winona, Arizona. This work is planned to begin in October, 2010.

Categorical Exclusion Applied: 10 CFR, Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.3: "Routine maintenance activities and custodial services for buildings, structures, right-of-way, infrastructures (e.g. pathways, roads and railroads), vehicles and equipment and localized vegetation and pest control during which operations may be suspended and resumed."

B. **Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410 (b):**

1. The proposed action fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to Subpart D.

   a. The proposed action was reviewed for the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, and all applicable Department of Energy Orders. This action falls under the Programmatic Agreement for routine maintenance activities, type II activities.

   b. The proposed action does not require the siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities.

   c. The proposed action does not disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminates, or CERLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled and unpermitted releases.

d. The proposed action was reviewed and surveyed for impacts to cultural and sensitive biological resources. Cultural and sensitive biological resources have been determined to not be affected.

2. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and

3. The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

C. **Determination:** Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

D. **Special Conditions:**

1. **All ground-disturbing activities will be restricted to within 30 feet of the road centerline.**
2. **Prior to entering the work area, all project vehicles will be washed and cleaned to remove any seeds associated with noxious weeds.**

John R. Holt

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NEPA Compliance Officer

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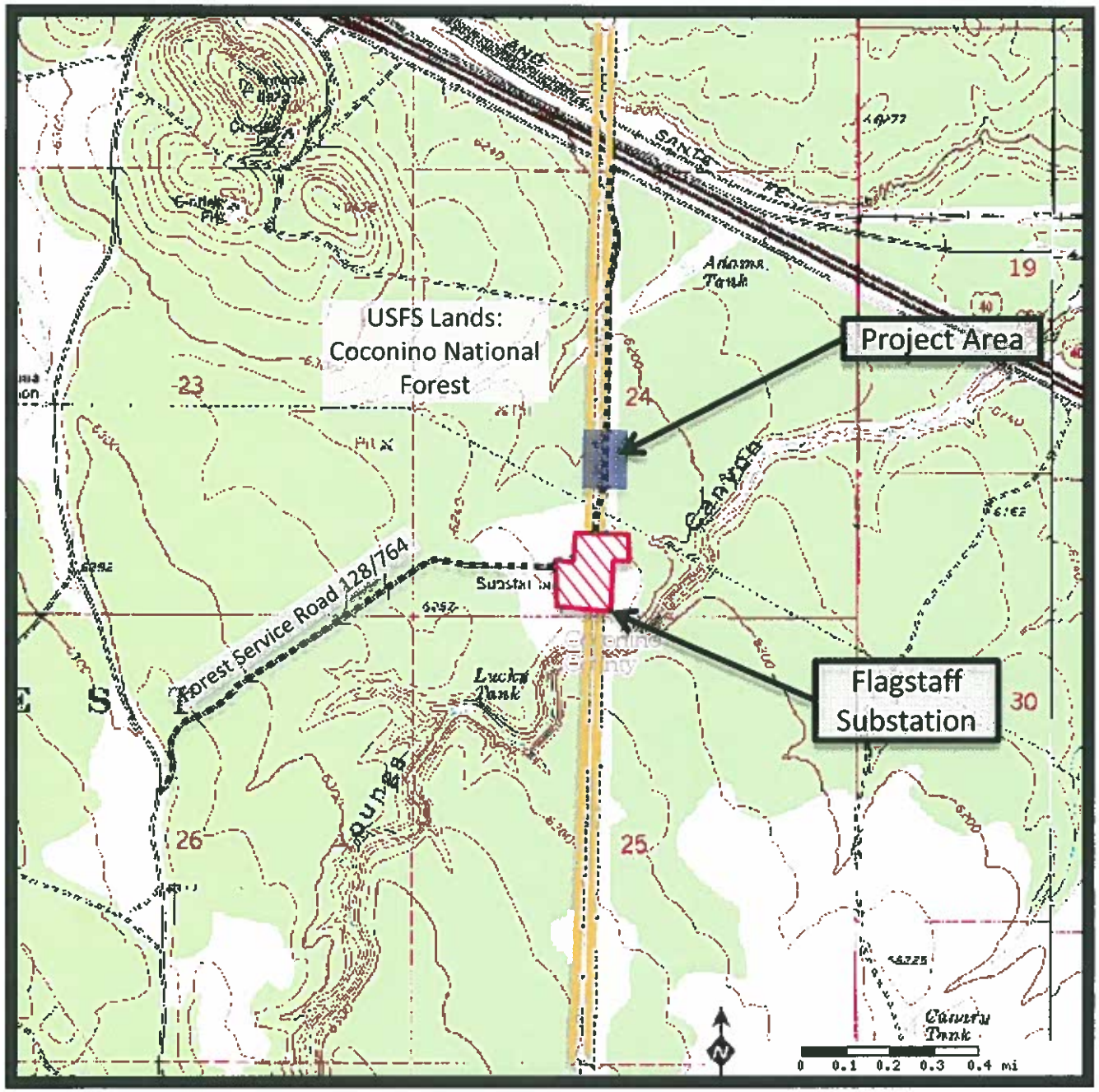
Date

Flagstaff – Glen Canyon 345-kV Transmission Line

Access Road Culvert Addition



Legal Description		
Section	Township	Range
24	21 N	9 E

- Transmission Line
- Substation
- U.S.F.S. Road
- Project Area

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