

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

PROJECT TITLE: FITA Range Registration Trailer Leveling					
PROJECT COORDINATOR: Mike Rogers			BRANCH/REGION: BASF/CTC		
FUNDING TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> USFWS Federal Aid <input type="checkbox"/> Federal (Other) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No AGFD Funding Used <small>(double click box to check/uncheck)</small>		FUNDING SOURCE NAME(s) & INDEX #(s): GF Fund – 06526 USA Archery Arizona – Donations			
PROJECT START DATE:		Upon Approval			
PROJECT END DATE:		January 1, 2020			
LANDOWNER(s):		Arizona Game and Fish Department			
COOPERATIVE PARTIE(s):					
PROJECT LOCATION	LANDOWNER AND/OR SITE NAME	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	SEC.	UTM (NAD 83) or GPS COORDINATES <small>(Northing / Lat.) (Easting / Long.)</small>
	AZGFD BASF CTC Archery Range (FITA)	5N	2E	4, 3	

BACKGROUND

When the Department first acquired Ben Avery Shooting Facility (BASF), a trailer originally served as a temporary visitor's center at the Clay Target Center (CTC) while the current visitor's center/club house was remodeled. Upon completion of the club house, the trailer was used for a short time as storage, and then was converted to a shoot registration trailer. Because of the new club house and registration area within, there was no longer a need for the trailer at the Clay Target Center, and the Department moved the trailer to the FITA (archery) range where it can be used for shoot registration.

PURPOSE AND NEED

Relocating the trailer from the CTC to the FITA range was the first step in ensuring retention of the Arizona Cup at BASF. The Cup has been growing by leaps and bounds, from almost 100 shooters 5 - 6 years ago, to a projected 1200+ for 2015. The Arizona Cup is a marquee event not just for Arizona, or even the United States, but internationally. We will have many Olympic hopefuls from all over the world competing here at our facility in 2015, and hopefully many years to come. The trailer will now be refurbished and repurposed to allow for FITA shoot registration, which will help the range meet expectations of a world-class shooting range.

PROJECT/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The project involves leveling and securing the trailer, electrical hook up, and the addition of a handicap ramp. To level the trailer, jacks will be placed on flat square sheets of plywood directly underneath the frame, which will cause surficial ground disturbance. Next, the trailer will be hurricane strapped, which will include penetration of the ground surface to a depth of approximately 1 ½' with 3/4" round stakes, driven into the ground with a mechanical pneumatic hammer at an approximate 45 degree angle. A 2" stainless steel strap will then be wrapped around the frame and pulled taught, which will keep the trailer secured to the multiple jacks, and solid to the ground in case of high winds.

Upon completion of leveling and securing the trailer to the jack stands, the trailer will then be hooked up electrically. A 20' – 30' long trench will be dug with shovels and picks to a depth of 1 ½' – 2' by about 1' – 1 ½' wide. The trench will run from the existing electric panel to the closest rear corner of the trailer. A licensed electrician (hired by USA Archery Arizona) will run wire and conduit from the trailer to the electric panel within the trench. Backfill of the trench will be completed with materials from excavation and water settled for compaction. The trench surface will then be covered with decomposed granite to blend with the existing surface area.

At this stage of the project, trailer skirting and access steps as well as handicap ramp can be put in place. They will sit on top of the ground, bolted together and to the trailer. There will be little to no ground disturbance from these additions.

Upon completion of ALL the steps above, remodel of interior space will take place.

SITE ACCESS

Personnel will remain on existing roadways and parking areas.

HABITAT DESCRIPTION

Site is currently a decomposed granite parking area.

COORDINATION

Internal coordination with the Department's Development Branch has occurred.

NEPA

Will NEPA compliance be completed by a Federal Agency? No Yes If Yes, list agency:

PROJECT MAP



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DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS

IDENTIFY THE ITEM LETTER(S) AND PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION:

For any item (A or B), describe the impact(s) or issue(s) and explain information or actions that will be implemented to address/resolve the particular item(s). If necessary, coordinate with Development Branch, Habitat Branch, and/or Nongame Branch to complete explanation(s).

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A. Result in the construction, modification, improvement or demolition of physical assets such as buildings, utilities, water and wastewater facilities, shooting range infrastructure, hatchery infrastructure, wildlife area infrastructure, boating and fishing facilities, dams, wildlife waters, fish barriers, water control structures and impoundments, wetlands, wells and water pumping systems, recreational facilities, road construction and improvements, trails, fences and vehicular access controls. If yes, identify design, construction and maintenance considerations to be addressed. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | B. Involve facilities intended for public use and subject to federal non-discrimination requirements including the provision of access for persons with disabilities? If yes, identify design considerations to be addressed.
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NONGAME QUESTIONS

IDENTIFY THE ITEM LETTER(S) AND PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION:

For any item (C through F) describe any impact(s) or issue(s) and explain information or actions that will be implemented to address/resolve the particular item(s).

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| <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | C. Affect any species protected under the Endangered Species Act and/or candidate species? (Check yes for positive and/or negative impacts) If yes, identify species and impact(s).
There are no occurrences of listed or candidate species within the project area. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | D. Affect any species protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act or the Migratory Bird Treaty Act? (Check yes for positive and/or negative impacts) If yes, identify species and impact(s).
There are no occurrences of any species protected under the BGA or MBTA in the vicinity of the project area. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | E. Affect any species listed as Wildlife of Special Concern in Arizona. If yes, identify species.
There are no occurrences of any Wildlife of Special Concern the vicinity of the project area. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | F. Would any take resulting from the proposed activities be covered by the Department's 10(a)(1)(A) Permit or Section 6 authorities? |

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PROJECT COORDINATOR QUESTIONS

IDENTIFY THE ITEM LETTER(S) AND PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION:

For any item (G through U) that received a "yes" response, describe the impact(s) or issue(s) and explain information or actions that will be implemented to address/resolve the particular item(s). If necessary, coordinate with Habitat Branch and Nongame Branch to complete explanation(s).

- | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | G. Include the introduction of or exportation of any species not presently or historically occurring in the receiving location? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | H. Directly necessitate mortality or displacement of native plants, fish or wildlife, either intentionally or incidentally?
The area to be disturbed is already cleared of vegetation. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | I. Cause any ground disturbance or affect any archaeological, historical, religious shrine or cultural site or alter the aesthetics of the area? (Note: AAA permitted archaeologist must be used on Commission or state-owned lands and for state actions on private lands. Contact PEP's Cultural Resource Compliance Manager to determine compliance needs.)
The project involves the construction of an approximately 30-foot long trench, up to 1 ½' wide and 2' deep. The project will also involve ¾" stakes driven 1 ½' deep into the ground. The Department's archaeologist, John Hohmann, has surveyed the area and determined that no cultural resources will be affected by the project activities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | J. Have substantive sociological or socioeconomic consequences or affect public health and safety? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | K. Be expected to have organized opposition, or generate substantial public controversy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | L. Involve land use changes such as planting, burning, clearing, grazing, or modification of public use? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | M. Be located on or in the vicinity of lands owned or administered by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission and Department?
The land is owned by BASF/AGFD. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N. Involve the manipulation or use of surface or groundwater, or modify or deny access for water usage? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | O. Involve any modification to, or development in a flood plain or wetland? |

- P. **Affect a designated Wilderness Area, Wild or Scenic River, prime or unique farmland or forestland, any ecologically critical area, National Trail, or other areas with special designation?**

- Q. **Result in any activity that will conflict with federal or state air or water quality regulations?**

- R. **Include use or potential release of any toxicant?**

- S. **Have any environmental impacts not addressed above, or result in cumulative impacts that separately do not require assessment but together may be considered substantial?**

- T. **Require any federal, state or other permits? (Clean Water Act Sec. 401, 404; Arizona Department of Agriculture Salvage Permit; ROW for access; etc.)**

- U. **Other NEPA compliance completed, and attached? (Federal EA, FONSI, DN, BAE, ROD)**

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DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

<i>* Attach any documents identified here.</i>		Not Applicable	Pending	Completed
HDMS Check				X
Engineering Review				X
Special Use Permit (USFS)	Permit #	X		
Federal Documentation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Biological Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Record of Decision	X		
404 Permit (ACOE)	Permit #	X		
401 Permit (ADEQ)	Permit #	X		
Arizona State Land Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Right of Way <input type="checkbox"/> Special Land Use Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Right of Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Application to Place Improvement	X		
Cultural Resource Clearance / SHPO Clearance	<i>(Note: Archaeologist must be Arizona Antiquities Act (AAA) permitted on Commission or state-owned lands and for state actions on private lands. Contact PEP's Cultural Resource Compliance Manager to determine compliance needs.)</i>			X
Department of Agriculture		X		
Commission or Director Approval		X		
Landowner Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	X		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	X		

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT EVALUTION PROGRAM		Not Applicable	Pending	Completed
Compliance Document	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Aid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> File			X
Section 7 Documentation	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Aid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> File	X		
Lands Program Review				X
		Not Applicable	Addressed in Section 7 Form	
Special Management Considerations	<input type="checkbox"/> Jaguar Area of Capture Concern	X		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ocelot Area of Capture Concern	X		

REFERENCES

- A. Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (P.L.93-112).
- B. National Environmental Policy Act, 1969; CEQ Guidelines, 40 CFR (1502.16 part e).
- C. Section 7, Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.
- D. Wildlife of Special Concern; same species as listed in "Threatened Native Wildlife in Arizona (1988)."
- E. Executive Order 11987, Exotic Organisms; Executive Order 13112, Invasive Species; and 50 CFR 92.
- F. Arizona Native Plant Law (ARS 3-901 to 3-915, 3-931 to 3-934).
- G. Executive Order 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment, (P.L. 93-291); Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (U.S.C. 470), EO 11593; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, 5-24-74; CEQ guidelines, Federal Register 43(230), 11-29-78, Section 1508.8; Native American Graves and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (P.L. 101-601); American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) (42 U.S.C.1996); Arizona Antiquities Act of 1927 (ARS 41-841 to 41-846); State Historic Preservation Act of 1982 (ARS 41-861 to 41-864); and the Burial Protection Law of 1990 (ARS 41-865).
- H. Acquisition and Disposition of Lands and Waters (ARS 17-241); Agreements with other Entities for Wildlife Management (ARS-231); Arizona Game & Fish Department Policy Manual (I2.4N).
- I. Water Development and Use (ARS-231/12c)
- J. Executive Order 11988, Flood Plain Management; Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands; the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1977, (P.L. 95-217); and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality standards (Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Ch. 11(401)).
- K. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, (P.L. 90-542); Wilderness Act, (P.L. 88-577); National Trails Act, (P.L. 90-543); Federal Land Planning Documents.
- L. Clean Air Act of 1970, (P.L. 91-604); Federal Water Pollution Control Act, (P.L. 92-500); Executive Order 11738; the Clean Water Act Amendments of 1977, (P.L. 95-217); and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality standards (Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Ch. 11(401) .
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SIGNATURES

PROJECT TITLE:

Project Coordinator	<u>See attached sheet</u>	Date _____
	(EA Checklist items G - U)	
Project Leader	<u>M. A. [Signature]</u>	Date <u>12-23-14</u>
	(Approval of funding source and availability)	
Nongame	<u>[Signature] ABC</u>	Date <u>12/23/14</u>
	(EA Checklist items C - F)	
Fisheries	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
	(When aquatic activities are involved)	
Game	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
	(When game species are involved)	
Engineering	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>12-23-14</u>
	(EA Checklist items A and B, when engineering components are involved)	
Shooting Range	<u>M. A. [Signature]</u>	Date <u>12-23-14</u>
	(When on AGFD Shooting Ranges in place of Regional Signature)	
Region 1 Supervisor	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
Region 2 Supervisor	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
Region 3 Supervisor	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
Region 4 Supervisor	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
Region 5 Supervisor	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
Region 6 Supervisor	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
Assistant Director, WMD	<u>N/A</u>	Date _____
	(For translocation projects or controversial issues)	
Habitat Branch Chief	<u>Jesse M. Francis</u>	Date <u>1/29/14</u>

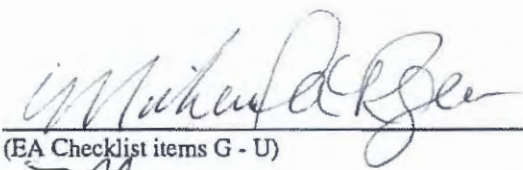
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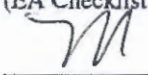
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(EA Checklist items G - U)

Project Leader  Date _____
(Approval of funding source and availability)

Nongame _____ Date _____
(EA Checklist items C - F)

Fisheries N/A Date _____
(When aquatic activities are involved)

Game N/A Date _____
(When game species are involved)

Engineering _____ Date _____
(EA Checklist items A and B, when engineering components are involved)

Shooting Range _____ Date _____
(When on AGFD Shooting Ranges in place of Regional Signature)

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Region 2 Supervisor N/A Date _____

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Region 5 Supervisor N/A Date _____

Region 6 Supervisor N/A Date _____

Assistant Director, WMD N/A Date _____
(For translocation projects or controversial issues)

Habitat Branch Chief _____ Date _____

COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTATION FORM

Grant Number and Program/Index #:

- GF Fund – 06526
- USA Archery Arizona – Donations

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SECTION 7

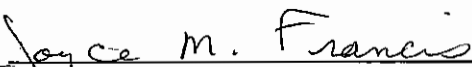
X A review of the Heritage Data Management System (HDMS) and an analysis by Department biologists indicates no listed/proposed species/critical habitat occur in the project vicinity.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

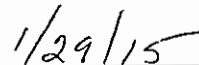
X Based on Commission Policy I2.2, Department actions have been examined per the Environmental Assessment Checklist process.

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

X Project location has been surveyed for cultural, archaeological, and historical resources by the Department. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was consulted and concurred with a finding of **No Historic or Cultural Properties Affected**. Documentation is enclosed.



Signature
Habitat Branch Chief
Arizona Game and Fish Department



Date

No Documented Occurrences of Special Status Species

No special status species were documented as occurring within the project vicinity; however, further field investigations of the project area are highly recommended. Site visits may reveal previously unrecorded resources of special concern in locations where they are currently undocumented.

**Species of Greatest Conservation Need
 Predicted within Project Vicinity based on Predicted Range Models**

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	State	SGCN
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	Wood Duck					1B
<i>Ammospermophilus harrisi</i>	Harris' Antelope Squirrel					1B
<i>Anaxyrus microscaphus</i>	Arizona Toad	SC				1B
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Golden Eagle	BGA		S		1B
<i>Athene cunicularia hypugaea</i>	Western Burrowing Owl	SC	S	S		1B
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	American Bittern				WSC	1B
<i>Buteo regalis</i>	Ferruginous Hawk	SC		S	WSC	1B
<i>Chilomeniscus stramineus</i>	Variable Sandsnake					1B
<i>Chionactis occipitalis klauberi</i>	Tucson Shovel-nosed Snake	C*				1A
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Western DPS)	LT	S		WSC	1A
<i>Colaptes chrysoides</i>	Gilded Flicker			S		1B
<i>Coluber bilineatus</i>	Sonoran Whipsnake					1B
<i>Corynorhinus townsendii pallescens</i>	Pale Townsend's Big-eared Bat	SC	S	S		1B
<i>Crotalus tigris</i>	Tiger Rattlesnake					1B
<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	Spotted Bat	SC	S	S	WSC	1B
<i>Eumops perotis californicus</i>	Greater Western Bonneted Bat	SC		S		1B
<i>Gopherus morafkai</i>	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	C*	S		WSC	1A
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	SC, BGA	S	S	WSC	1A
<i>Heloderma suspectum</i>	Gila Monster					1A
<i>Incilius alvarius</i>	Sonoran Desert Toad					1B
<i>Kinosternon sonoriense sonoriense</i>	Desert Mud Turtle			S		1B
<i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i>	Western Red Bat		S		WSC	1B
<i>Lasiurus xanthinus</i>	Western Yellow Bat		S		WSC	1B
<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>	Ocelot	LE			WSC	1A
<i>Lithobates yavapaiensis</i>	Lowland Leopard Frog	SC	S	S	WSC	1A
<i>Macrotus californicus</i>	California Leaf-nosed Bat	SC		S	WSC	1B
<i>Melanerpes uropygialis</i>	Gila Woodpecker					1B
<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Lincoln's Sparrow					1B
<i>Melospiza aberti</i>	Abert's Towhee		S			1B
<i>Micruroides euryxanthus</i>	Sonoran Coralsnake					1B
<i>Myotis occultus</i>	Arizona Myotis	SC		S		1B
<i>Myotis velifer</i>	Cave Myotis	SC		S		1B
<i>Myotis yumanensis</i>	Yuma Myotis	SC				1B
<i>Nyctinomops femorosaccus</i>	Pocketed Free-tailed Bat					1B

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Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	State	SGCN
<i>Panthera onca</i>	Jaguar	LE			WSC	1A
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow					1B
<i>Perognathus amplus</i>	Arizona Pocket Mouse					1B
<i>Perognathus longimembris</i>	Little Pocket Mouse					1B
<i>Phrynosoma solare</i>	Regal Horned Lizard					1B
<i>Phyllorhynchus browni</i>	Saddled Leaf-nosed Snake					1B
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	Yellow Warbler					1B
<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	Brazilian Free-tailed Bat					1B
<i>Troglodytes pacificus</i>	Pacific Wren					1B
<i>Vireo bellii arizonae</i>	Arizona Bell's Vireo					1B
<i>Vulpes macrotis</i>	Kit Fox					1B

Species of Economic and Recreation Importance Predicted within Project Vicinity

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	State	SGCN
<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>	Gambel's Quail					
<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	Mule Deer					
<i>Puma concolor</i>	Mountain Lion					
<i>Zenaida asiatica</i>	White-winged Dove					

Project Type: Recreation Areas, Resorts, lodges, hunt clubs, shooting ranges, hunt clubs and other club facilities, Maintenance of existing facilities

Project Type Recommendations:

Fence recommendations will be dependant upon the goals of the fence project and the wildlife species expected to be impacted by the project. General guidelines for ensuring wildlife-friendly fences include: barbless wire on the top and bottom with the maximum fence height 42", minimum height for bottom 16". Modifications to this design may be considered for fencing anticipated to be routinely encountered by elk, bighorn sheep or pronghorn (e.g., Pronghorn fencing would require 18" minimum height on the bottom). Please refer to the Department's Fencing Guidelines located on the home page of this application at <http://www.azgfd.gov/hgis/guidelines.aspx>.

Follow manufacturer's recommended application guidelines for all chemical treatments. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2, Environmental Contaminants Program has a reference document that serves as their regional pesticide recommendations for protecting wildlife and fisheries resources, titled "Recommended Protection Measures for Pesticide Applications in Region 2 of the USFWS", http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/Documents/ECReports/RPMPA_2007.pdf. The Department recommends that direct or indirect impacts to sensitive species and their forage base from the application of chemical pesticides or herbicides be considered carefully.

Consider incorporating project components that may allow for the inclusion to promote, enhance, create, or restore wildlife habitat. Contact Project Evaluation Program for further information and opportunities, http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/agency_directory.shtml.

Based on the project type entered, coordination with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality may be required (<http://www.azdeq.gov/>).



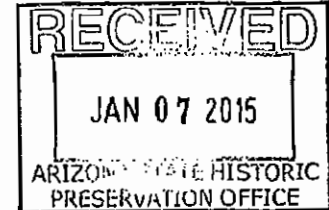
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December 31, 2014



Mr. James Garrison, State Historic Preservation Officer
State Historic Preservation Office
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Consultation on the Ben Avery Shooting Facility (BASF) Archery (FITA) Range Registration Trailer Project

Dear Mr. Garrison:

The Cultural Resource Compliance Program of the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) wishes to initiate consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding our proposed trailer construction at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility (BASF) Archery (FITA) Range, located approximately 25 miles north of Phoenix and immediately north-northwest of the Carefree Highway (State Route 74) and I-17. The specific project location is within Sections 3 and 4, Township 5N, Range 2E, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian.

The BASF is host to several national and international archery events which will be occurring throughout 2015. The Archery Range registration trailer placement project is essential in order to host these events. The major undertaking of placing a registration trailer in the existing parking lot next to the archery range will be to place utility (water and power) connections from an existing electric panel and water pipe (Figure 1). Specifically, a 30 foot trench will be excavated using shovels and picks. The trench will be approximately 1.5 feet deep and will have a width of about 1.0 feet.

This project will be located on AGF Commission property. This undertaking will be funded by use of both State funding and private donations. The project is located in an existing parking lot which has been graded down five to seven inches and then covered with compacted decomposed granite. However, to ensure that no such cultural resources were present in this location, the AGFD Cultural Resource Compliance Manager undertook an in-field site inspection at this location. The area is highly disturbed by parking lot construction and use. No evidence of cultural resources was present. Thus, the creation of the water and utility lines will have no effect on historic properties.

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Mr. James Garrison, SHPO

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December 31, 2014

The proposed project is subject to compliance with the Arizona Antiquities Act (ARS §41-841 *et seq.*) and the State Historic Preservation Act (ARS §41-861 through §41-864). It is recommended that the proposed project be allowed to proceed without further cultural resource work. AGFD requests SHPO concurrence with the finding of no effect to historic properties.

The following stipulation will also be part of both the concurrence process and the recommendations accepted for the proposed project to proceed.

Should any prehistoric, protohistoric, or historic artifacts or features be encountered during the course of any ground disturbing activity, these cultural resources must be avoided and reported immediately to Dr. John W. Hohmann, the AGFD Cultural Resource Compliance Manager (623-236-7620).

If human remains are encountered during any phase of this project, all work must stop immediately and Dr. Hohmann (623-236-7620) and the Repatriation Coordinator at the Arizona State Museum (520-621-4795) must be notified pursuant to state law (cf., A.R.S. §41-844).

We look forward to receiving your comments and if you have any questions or need additional information please contact me directly at 623-236-7620. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dr. John W. Hohmann, RPA
Cultural Resource Compliance Manager
Habitat Branch, Wildlife Management Division

No Historic Properties Affected

Mary-Elise Walsh 1/27/15
Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
Arizona State Parks Board

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
INTER-OFFICE MEMO**

TO: Audrey Owens, Project Evaluation Specialist

FROM: Ric Bradford, Land Resources Program Manager

SUBJECT: Ben Avery Shooting Facility – FITA Range Trailer at BASF – EA Checklist *RHB*
Review

DATE: December 17, 2014

The Land and Water Program has reviewed the proposed FITA Range Trailer at BASF EA Checklist submitted by Mike Rogers, and our comments are noted below.

Project Description:

The trailer that previously served as the visitor center for the Ben Avery Shooting Facility's Clay Target Center has been moved to the FITA (archery) range to be used as the registration trailer there. This project proposes to place the trailer on jacks to level it, place hurricane straps around the trailer for protection from strong winds, trench and hook up electrical service, and place a trailer skirting and steps. The electrical hook up will be conducted by a licensed electrician, to be hired by USA Archery Arizona. A cultural compliance review is pending.

Conveyance Instrument(s):

The Ben Avery Shooting Facility (BASF) is composed of land received from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and State Land Department (SLD) through patent. The Department received lands from the SLD in 1972 through three patents totaling 1,290 acres and from the BLM in 1963 and 1998 totaling 398 acres. This project is located on the BLM Patent # 02-64-0084 for archery purposes. A review of the original conveyance document shows no restrictions that would prohibit the proposed project.

Management Plan:

The Project is located within the original footprint of, and does not change the use of, the FITA range.

Funding:

The use of State Game & Fish Funds and USA Archery Arizona Donated funds is consistent with the original acquisition funding source.

Conclusion:

This project is consistent with current management of the site, the conveyance instrument, and the proposed funding. No other considerations are noted by the Land Program. Please contact me at (623) 236-7603 if you have any questions or concerns.



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ORG3: 1400 IE SHOOTING SPORTS OPERATIONS

ORG4: 1207 IE SS CLAY TARGET CENTER

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