Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Proposed Environmental Assessment for the East San Diego County Gapfiller Project, San Diego Sector of the Office of Border Patrol

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Carlsbad Ecological Services Field Office
ATTN: Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor
6010 Hidden Valley Road
Carlsbad, CA 92011

Dear Mr. Bartel:

On behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for construction and improvements of roads and fences from Tecate to the San Diego-Imperial County line, in the Office of Border Patrol (OBP) San Diego Sector. The EA will analyze the potential for significant impacts of the proposed construction of new roads at 10 locations across the project corridor and road improvements along the entire 32-mile project corridor, including the placement of low water crossings or some similar drainage structures at some stream crossings. A total of 4.4 miles of new roads would be constructed in these 10 locations. The longest road segment would be 1.1 miles long.

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Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Glen Bixler at (817) 886-1533.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William Fickel, Jr.
Chief, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

July 2, 2007

Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Proposed Environmental Assessment for the East San Diego County Gapfiller Project, San Diego Sector of the Office of Border Patrol

California Department of Fish and Game
South Coast Region
ATTN: Larry Eng, Regional Manager
4949 Viewridge Avenue
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. Eng:

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SUBJECT: Proposed Environmental Assessment for the East San Diego County Gapfiller Project, San Diego Sector of the Office of Border Patrol

Janaye Byergo, South Coast Project Manager  
c/o Cleveland National Forest  
10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200  
San Diego, CA  92127

Dear Ms. Byergo:

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Enclosed is a map showing the location of the project area for the EA. Some of these areas are contained on Bureau of Land Management areas. USACE Real Estate Specialists will be in contact with your agency soon to obtain rights of entry for survey and other investigation services. We are currently in the process of gathering the most current information available regarding Federally and state listed species potentially occurring within this area. The USACE respectfully requests that your agency provide input regarding protected species, designated critical habitat, descriptions of the sensitive resources (e.g., rare or unique plant communities, threatened and endangered and candidate species), and unique or environmentally sensitive areas that you believe may be affected by the proposed OBP activities. We intend to provide your agency with a copy of the Draft EA once completed. Please let us know if additional copies are needed.

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Chief, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

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USIBWC
ATTN: Dion McMicheaux, Project Manager
2225 Dairy Market Road
San Ysidro, CA 92173-2840

Dear Mr. McMicheaux:

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Your prompt attention to this request would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Glen Bixler at (817) 886-1533.

Sincerely,

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William Pickel, Jr.
Chief, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region
ATTN: John Robertus, Executive Officer
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92123-4340

Dear Mr. Robertus:

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Sincerely,

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California Environmental Protection Agency
ATTN: Ricardo Martinez, Assistant Secretary for Border Affairs
1001 I Street
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA

Dear Mr. Martinez:

On behalf of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for construction and improvements of roads and fences from Tecate to the San Diego-Imperial County line, in the Office of Border Patrol (OBP) San Diego Sector. The EA will analyze the potential for significant impacts of the proposed construction of new roads at 10 locations across the project corridor and road improvements along the entire 32-mile project corridor, including the placement of low water crossings or some similar drainage structures at some stream crossings. A total of 4.4 miles of new roads would be constructed in these 10 locations. The longest road segment would be 1.1 miles long.

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Chief, Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division

Enclosure
Honorable Bobby L. Barrett, Chairman  
Viejas Band of Mission Indians  
P.O. Box 908  
Alpine, California 91903


Dear Mr. Barrett:

While no final decisions on the fence locations have been made, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Border Patrol (USBP), a component of the Department of Homeland Security, is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address the potential environmental impacts and feasibility of constructing, maintaining, and operating tactical infrastructure in segments totaling approximately 9.86 miles in length within USBP San Diego Sector, California. In preparing the EA, CBP will be working directly with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (USACE), who will provide technical expertise and other support to CBP. At this time, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, CBP wishes to initiate its consultation process with appropriate federally-recognized tribes who historically used this region and/or continue to use the area.

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Honorable Bobby L. Barrett
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Sincerely,

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Acting Executive Director
Asset Management
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Enclosure
Honorable H. Paul Cuero, Jr., Chairman  
Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians  
36190 Church Road, Suite 1  
Campo, California 91906


Dear Mr. Cuero:

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Enclosure
Honororable Leroy Elliott, Chairman  
Manzanita Band of Mission Indians  
P.O. Box 1302  
Boulevard, California 91905


Dear Mr. Elliott:

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Honorable Leroy Elliott
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Asset Management
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Enclosure
Honorable Johnny Hernandez, Spokesman
Santa Ysabel Band of Mission Indians
P.O. Box 130
Santa Ysabel, California 92070


Dear Mr. Hernandez:

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Enclosure
Honorable John James, Chairman  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
84-245 Indio Springs Pkwy  
Indio, California  92203  


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Enclosure
Honorable Allen E. Lawson, Spokesman  
San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians  
27458 No. Lake Wolford Rd. Level #3  
Valley Center, California 92082


Dear Mr. Lawson:

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Enclosure
Honorable Howard Maxcy, Chairman  
Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians  
P.O. Box 270  
Santa Ysabel, California 92070


Dear Mr. Maxcy:

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Sincerely,

For R. Janson
Robert F. Janson
Acting Executive Director
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Enclosure
Honorable Richard Milanovich, Chairperson
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
600 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, California 92262


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Enclosure
Honorable Gwendolyn Parada, Chairperson
La Posta Band of Mission Indians
1048 Crestwood Road
Boulevard, California 92905


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Enclosure
Honorable Harlan Pinto, Chairman  
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4054 Willows Road  
Alpine, California 91903-2250


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Enclosure
Honorable Catherine Saubel, Spokeswoman
Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians
2300 Camino San Ignacio
Warner Springs, California 92086


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Enclosure
Honorable Rhonda Welch-Sealco, Chairwoman
Barona Band of Mission Indians
1095 Barona Road
Lakeside, California 92040


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Enclosure
Honorable Daniel J. Tucker, Chairman
Sycuan Band of Mission Indians
5459 Dehesa Road
El Cajon, California 92019


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Enclosure
Honorable Leon Acebedo, Chairman
Jamul Band of Mission Indians
13910 Lyons Valley Road
Jamul, California 91935


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