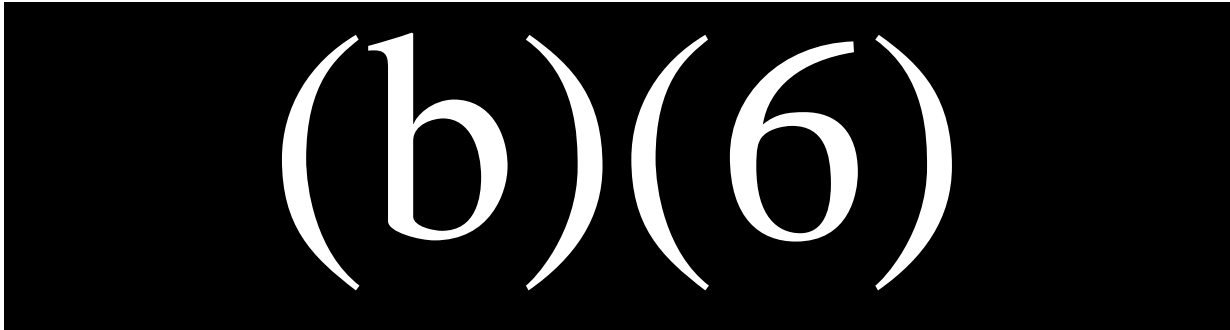


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NOGALES, SONOITA, DOUGLAS, AND NACO STATIONS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date and Time: 21 October 2003 8:30  
Meeting Location: HDR Phoenix - Camelback GC  
Distribution Date: 21 October 2003  
Distributor: (b)(6)  
Distribution:



**MEETING PURPOSE**  
PDT EWG Meeting

**ATTENDEES**  
See Attached.

**1. PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS STATUS**

| ACTION  | RESPONSIBLE | STATUS  |
|---|-------------|---------|
| 1. Mitigation costs possible from BA to be provided to (b)(6)       | (b)(6)      | Pending |
| 2. (b)(6) to provide contacts to develop cumulative impacts to GSRC | (b)(6)      | Done    |
| 3. Nogales BPS EA out by 26 September                               | GSRC        | Done    |
| 4. Check on FEA and Draft FONSI for Nogales Infrastructure          | (b)(6)      | Done    |
| 5. Updates by 29 Sept. to G. Pontius for environmental projects     | (b)(6)      | Done    |

**2. SUMMARY OF NON-PDT ACTIVITIES (REGIONAL)**

- a. PEIS Tucson & Yuma (AERC 225)  
The Revised Draft PEIS for the Tucson/Yuma Sector Operations was sent out on 13 October. The deadline for comments was established at 29 October. (b)(6) indicated that he would have difficulty meeting this deadline; the EWG/PDT agreed to leave the deadline as is, but incorporate (b)(6) comments to the extent practicable. (b)(6) will still need to provide input/revisions for the CR section. GSRC will ensure that Stations receive

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a review copy.

- b. Checkpoints (b)(7)(E) (AERC 499)  
The Tucson checkpoints (b)(7)(E) are out for public review (b)(7)(E) only. The public comment period was extended until 16 November due to a mix up (b)(7)(E) regarding public distribution and notice.
- c. Checkpoint (b)(7)(E) (AERC 227)  
The Tucson checkpoint (b)(7)(E) Final EA and FONSI will be sent out next week (NLT 31 October) for staffing. GSRC still needs some information from (b)(6) (b)(6) (Ajo) regarding strategic enforcement reasons the checkpoint needs to be relocated.
- d. Nogales BPS (AERC 503)  
GSRC submitted the final Nogales Station EA and FONSI and Phase I ESA for staffing. These documents, including the FONSI, recommend a Phase II investigation to determine the extent of potential contamination around the fuel AST. The EA and FONSI can be finalized prior to the Phase II investigations.
- e. BA – Operations – Tucson & Yuma (AERC 51)  
The Tucson BA is scheduled to be sent to (b)(6) on Friday (24 October) for QA/QC review prior to submittal to the USFWS. by 4 November (b)(6) will develop a list of conservation measures, with cost estimates, that could be implemented. The Yuma BO has not been received. (b)(6) requested that GSRC send a chronology of the BA/BO process as well as the POC information for the USF&WS Phoenix Field Office. (b)(6)/GSRC will draft a letter for CBP signature; the letter should also acknowledge the USFWS cooperation and prompt attention for the emergency beacons and Op Grip consultations

**3. SUMMARY OF PDT ACTIVITIES (INFRASTRUCTURE)**

Review all actions pending on chart - add/delete/change –

- a. Naco-Douglas SEA (AERC 218)  
The Naco-Douglas Corridor SEA (preliminary final) will be sent out 21 October for internal review. The EWG/PDT agreed to have comments back to GSRC no later than 7 November. GSRC will revise the preliminary final and submit the final and FONSI to HQ CBP for staffing 24 November. (b)(6) set a deadline for the Final EA and signed FONSI for 30 November.
- b. Nogales Infrastructure EA (AERC #255 & 218 ENV #225)  
The FONSI for the Nogales Various Infrastructure Improvements final EA was signed on 17 October. (b)(6) will pdf a copy of the signed FONSI to (b)(6) and GSRC. GSRC will distribute the final EA ASAP.

**4. OTHER ITEMS**

**Other items from September PDT still active**

(b)(6) will send a list of all future projects that he is working on

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through GSA to GSRC so that they can be included in the cumulative impact analysis for all the Tucson NEPA documents.

### Other items – updates from GSRC

GSRC called the Phoenix Field Office's Regulatory Functions Branch Section Chief (b)(6) regarding the Whitewater Draw 404 permit application. (b)(6) stated that she would have (b)(6) call GSRC this week. (b)(6) received a call from (b)(6) that the public notice will go out this week.

(b)(6)

conducted a sidebar meeting to discuss the Sonoita road improvement projects. (b)(6) provided a hardcopy map of the proposed project roads. GSRC will develop a map and project description and send it to the EWG and USFS for review. A copy needs to be sent to (b)(6) as well so that he can begin obtaining the ROEs. The USFS has a CATEX for road grading; but CBP does not have one for such activities. In addition, some of the road improvements would be conducted on state and private lands. GSRC will include a list of the USFS CATEX items, highlighting the road grading item, as an appendix to the EA to strengthen the impact analysis. The group agreed that a joint FONSI, if possible, would also strengthen the EA.

GSRC has received the NTP for the Tucson FY 03 projects. GSRC can initiate the efforts on the Naco-Douglas BA and the Temporary Vehicle Barriers EA. However, surveys cannot be started on the Sonoita or Nogales Stations' road projects until the ROEs are obtained.

GSRC can initiate the efforts on the Naco-Douglas BA and the Temporary Vehicle Barriers EA using the map and project description provided by (b)(6)

GSRC and (b)(6) will coordinate to ensure that the titles used in (b)(6) spreadsheet, GSRC's list, and (b)(6) database are consistent.

Work on the Nogales Stations' road projects cannot start until the ROEs are obtained.

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GSRC has re-evaluated the Dip 5 crossing and determined that the area is not a jurisdictional wetland, but it is a WUS. GSRC will provide a report and NWP notification, if the project complies with NWP thresholds.

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| 1. Mitigation costs possible from BA to be provided to (b)(6)<br>(b)(6)   | <b>(b)(6)</b> |
| 2. Copy of the signed FONSI to (b)(6) and GSRC.<br>GSRC will distribute the final EA ASAP   |               |
| 3. 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           |
| 4. 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>(b)(6)</b> |
| 5. Corrected document titles on update documents  | (b)(6) & GSRC |
| 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) & GSRC |

**NEXT MEETINGS**

**18 November 2003 – Tucson Station, 8:30 am**

**9 December 2003 – HDR Phoenix, 8:30 am**

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Draft – Must be Cross Checked BY GSRC

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|--|---|---|---------------------|--|
| DGL, Whitewater Draw Box Culvert         | 03  | Supplemental EA for JTF-6, Whitewater Draw (WWD) Crossing, Douglas, AZ  | 4/2001              | Pending 404 permit – Floodplain Use Permit issued by Cochise County – WILL MOVE TO FY'04 DUE TO 404 PERMIT AND SCHEDULED JUNE DEPLOYMENT OF OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD                                  |
| DGL, 10' CMP & Erosion Control Repair    | 03  | Final EA JTF-6 Proposed Fence, Lighting, Road Repair and Improvement Project, Douglas, Cochise County, AZ       | 2/2001              | Also items yet to be completed under Final EA for Road Improvements along Kings Ranch Road and Border Road, Douglas (2/2002) - WILL MOVE TO FY'04 PENDING DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD               |
| DGL, Temporary Vehicle Barrier (5 miles) | 03  | Final EA for the Installation of Temporary Vehicle Barriers along US/Mexico border in Douglas and Naco Stations | 11/2002             | Construct vehicle barriers at Stations and place the barriers, as needed, at locations along a 25-mile reach of the border - WILL MOVE TO FY'04 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS                                  |
| DGL, Vertical Fence Extensions           | 03  |   |                     | Cat. Ex.   |
| DGL, Monsoon Repair                      | 03  | Final EA for Road Improvements along Kings Ranch Road and Border Road, Douglas, AZ                              | 2/2002              | Construction of erosion control and repair of facilities of 1 mile of road from Douglas Station to the border (Kings Ranch Road) and 2 miles of border road - WILL MOVE TO FY'04 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS |

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|---|---|---|---------------------|--|
| NCO, 4 Miles Roadway                      | 03  | Final EA for 4 miles of Roadway Improvements, Fences and LWCs, Naco, AZ   | 4/2003              | Construction/major improvements of 2 miles of roadway on either side of the Naco POE, installation of 1 mile of landing mat fence on east side of POE beginning about 1 mile east of POE (vehicle barriers to be removed), installation of up to 4 LWCs – TWO MILES EAST OF POE CONSTRUCTED FY'03 – FEB. 2004 DEPLOYMENT TO CONSTR5UCT TWO MILES WEST OF POE |
| NCO, Temporary Vehicle Barrier            | 03  | Final EA for the Installation of Temporary Vehicle Barriers along US/Mexico border in Douglas and Naco Stations | 11/2002             | Construct vehicle barriers at Stations and place the barriers, as needed, at locations along a 25-mile reach of the border - WILL MOVE TO FY'04 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS  |
| NCO, Vehicle Barrier to Landing Mat Fence | 03  | Final EA for Conversion of Vehicle Barriers to Landing Mat Fence, Naco, AZ                                      | 10/2002             | Conversion of 1.2 miles of vehicle barriers (with 10-12 foot vertical supports) to landing mat fence. Project starts about 1 mile east of Naco. Project began construction with JTF-6 deployment 25 August 2003  |

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| NCO, Primary Fencing (7 miles)                | 03                               | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending      | Final EA & FONSI pending - Construction of primary and secondary fence in Douglas (9 miles) and Naco (6 miles), installation of primary fence for remainder of Douglas border, installation of vehicle barrier eastward to Coronado NM in Naco AO, and road improvements along entire area - WILL MOVE TO FY'04 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS |
| NGL, Tunnels                                  | 03                               | Nogales Various Infrastructure EA  | pending      | RVS added to EA. Final EA & Draft FONSI at HQ - Project includes 2 miles of major roadway improvements on east side of POE, primary fencing on east side to parallel new road, installation of 15 RVS sites and continuation of current use of 69 portable light generators. WILL MOVE TO FY'04 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS                 |
| NGL, 2 Miles E. of POE (Const. First ½ mile)  | 03                               | Nogales Various Infrastructure EA  | pending      | WILL MOVE TO FY'04 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS  |
| NGL, Ephraim Ridge                            | 03                               | Final EA for Reclamation of Ephraim Ridge, Nogales, AZ                         |              | Reclaim and restore hill to ensure that it does not slip into Mexico. Need 7 acres of easement/lease  |
| Temporary Vehicle Barriers for other stations | 03                               |  |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document   |

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|---|---|---|---------------------|--|
| DGL, Whitewater Draw Bollard Fencing            | 04  | Final EA JTF-6 Proposed Fence, Lighting, Road Repair and Improvement Project, Douglas, Cochise County, AZ | 2/2001              | being completed using Kings Ranch Road EA (2/2002). Additional work (new and repair) on LWCs needed. Minor road repair for the 8 miles has not been initiated. |
| DGL, Complete 8 Low Water Crossings             | 04  | Final EA for Road Improvements along Kings Ranch Road and Border Road, Douglas, AZ                        | 2/2002              |  |
| DGL, Kings Ranch Road Fencing                   | 04  | Final EA for Road Improvements along Kings Ranch Road and Border Road, Douglas, AZ                        | 2/2002              |  |
| DGL, Lighting Conversion (1 Mile) (Engr)        | 04  | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending             |  |
| DGL, International Ditch for Private Contractor | 04  | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending             |  |
| DGL, Dip 1 (Low Water Crossing)                 | 04  | Final EA JTF-6 Proposed Fence, Lighting, Road Repair and Improvement Project, Douglas, Cochise County, AZ | pending             |  |
| DGL, Dip 7                                      | 04  | Final EA JTF-6 Proposed Fence, Lighting, Road Repair and Improvement Project, Douglas, Cochise County, AZ | 2/2001              |  |



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| DGL, Lighting (5 Miles) Split E. & W. of POE                  | 04   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending      |  |
| DGL, Primary Fencing (Cattleman's West 4 miles) (Engr. & Env) | 04   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending      |  |
| DGL, 5 Miles Roadway (E. of POE)                              | 04   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending      |  |
| DGL, 5 Miles Roadway & Drainage (W. of POE)                   | 04   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending      |  |
| DGL, Dip 5  | 04   | Final EA JTF-6 Proposed Fence, Lighting, Road Repair and Improvement Project, Douglas, Cochise County, AZ | 2/2001       |  |
| NCO, Lighting (5 Miles) Split E. & W. of POE                  | 04   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending      |  |
| NCO, 4 Miles Roadway & Drainage (E. & W. of POE)              | 04   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ                            | pending      |  |
| NGL, 4 Miles Roadway & Drainage (W. of POE)                   | 04   |   |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document - WILL MOVE TO FY'05 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS |

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|--|--|--|--------------|---|
| NGL, 2 Miles Roadway & Drainage (E. of POE)                | 04   |  |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document - WILL MOVE TO FY'05 PENDING DEPLOYMENTS        |
| NGL/DGL/NCO Additional Lighting (5 Miles)                  | 04   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending      | Nogales pending Environmental Document  |
| Temporary Vehicle Barriers (other Stations)                | 04   |  |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document   |
| Roadway for Sonoita and Other Stations                     | 04   |  |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document - 27-mile Road Improvements EA, Sonoita Station |
| DGL, 10-Miles Roadway (5 Miles Split E. & W. of POE)       | 05   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending      |   |
| DGL, 5-Miles Lighting (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE)     | 05   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending      |   |
| NCO, 4-Miles Roadway & Drainage (E. & W. of POE)           | 05   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending      |   |
| NCO, 5-Miles Lighting (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE)     | 05   | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending      |   |
| NGL, 5-Miles Lighting (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE)     | 05   |  |              | Need NEPA Document - GSRC developing NEPA Document                            |
| TUS, Vehicle Barrier (2 Miles W. & 8 Miles East of Sasabe) | 05   |  |              | Need NEPA Document  |

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| DGL, 5-Miles Primary Fence (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE) | 06  | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending             |   |
| DGL, 5-Miles Roadway (W. of POE)                            | 06  | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending             |   |
| NCO, 5-Miles Roadway (2.5 Miles Split on POE)               | 06  | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending             |   |
| NCO, 5-Miles Primary Fence (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE) | 06  | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending             |   |
| NGL, 5-Miles Primary Fence (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE) | 06  |  |                     | Need NEPA Document  |
| TUS, 10-Miles Roadway (2 Miles W. & 8 Miles East of Sasabe) | 06  |  |                     | Need NEPA Document  |
| SON, 4-Miles Roadway  | 06  |  |                     | GSRC developing NEPA Document - 27-mile Road Improvements EA, Sonoita Station |
| SON, 2-Miles Vehicle Barrier                                | 06  |  |                     | GSRC developing NEPA Document - 27-mile Road Improvements EA, Sonoita Station |
| NGL, 4 Miles Roadway & Drainage                             | 06  |  | pending             | Need NEPA Document  |
| DGL, 5-Miles Primary Fence (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE) | 07  | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ | pending             |   |

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| DGL, 5-Miles Roadway (W. of POE)                            | 07                               | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ |              |   |
| NCO, 5-Miles Roadway (2.5 Miles Split on POE)               | 07                               | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ |              |   |
| NCO, 5-Miles Primary Fence (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE) | 07                               | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ |              |   |
| NGL, 5-Miles Primary Fence (2.5 miles E. & W. split on POE) | 07                               |  |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document   |
| CAG, 10 Miles Vehicle Barrier                               | 07                               |  |              | <b>(b) (7)(E)</b><br>within the Tucson Sector—no ground disturbance - GSRC developing NEPA Document |
| SON, 2-Miles Vehicle Barrier                                | 07                               |  |              | <b>(b) (7)(E)</b><br>within the Tucson Sector—no ground disturbance - GSRC developing NEPA Document |
| DGL, 5-Miles Roadway (W. of POE)                            | 08                               | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ |              |   |
| NCO, 5-Miles Roadway (2.5 Miles Split on POE)               | 08                               | Supplemental EA for Various Infrastructure along the Naco-Douglas Corridor, AZ |              |   |

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| NGL, 5-Miles Lighting         | 08   |                      |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document   |
| CAG, 10 Miles Vehicle Barrier | 08   |                      |              | <b>(b) (7)(E)</b><br>within the Tucson Sector—no<br>ground disturbance - GSRC<br>developing NEPA Document |
| SON, 2-Miles Vehicle Barrier  | 08   |                      |              | GSRC developing NEPA Document -<br>27-mile Road Improvements EA,<br>Sonoita Station                       |
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