

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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

**CESWF-RE** 

15 April 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Southwestern Division, (CESWD-PDR/Ms. Johnson-Muic), 1100 Commerce Street, Suite 831, Dallas, Texas 75242

SUBJECT: Review and Concurrence of Transfer of Withdrawn Public Domain Land on Fort Wingate Depot Activity, New Mexico, to Department of the Interior

## 1. References:

- a. Letter, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CESWF-RE, January 26, 2007, subject: Amended Notice of Intention to Relinquish Withdrawal; Fort Wingate Depot Activity, New Mexico (Encl 1).
  - b. Letter, The Secretary of the Interior, June 1, 1994 (Encl 2).
- c. Memorandum, United States Department of Interior, Assistant Secretary, March 23, 2007 (Encl 3).
- d. Letter, Fort Wingate Depot Activity, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, March 4, 2014 (Encl 4).
  - e. Letter, New Mexico Environmental Department, February 25, 2015 (Encl 5).
  - f. Record of Environmental Consideration, March 11, 2015 (Encl 6).
  - g. Draft Letter to Bureau of Land Management (Encl 7).
- 2. In 1988, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission authorized the closure of Fort Wingate Depot Activity, New Mexico. Notice of Intent (NOI) to Relinquish was submitted 13 March 1990, with subsequent NOI's submitted, the latest dated 26 January 2007. On 1 June 1994, The Secretary of the Interior, determined the lands were suitable to return to the Department of Interior (DOI) after completion of environmental restoration. In the 23 March 2007 memorandum, Department of Interior, Assistant Secretary, assigned the lead responsibility of coordination on transfer of lands from the Army to DOI to the Central Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

On 4 March 2014, request to remove parcel 10B from the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act permit was submitted to the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED). In a letter dated 25 February 2015, approval was received from NMED to

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remove parcel 10B. The attached letter is being submitted to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with a copy to BIA in accordance to the Letter from Department of Interior, Assistant Secretary.

3. Request review of the package and forward to HQ, USACE, (CEMP-CR/Ms. Mary J. Beck), Washington, DC, for review, coordination and submission to BLM and BIA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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