

February 18, 2014

Audra Merrick, P.E. ADOT Flagstaff District 1801 S. Milton Rd (F500) Flagstaff, AZ 86001-6311

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NATIONWIDE PERMIT VERIFICATION

Dear Ms. Merrick:

I am responding to your request (SPL-2014-00642-KAT) for a Department of the Army permit for your proposed project, US 89 (Tracs 089 CN 526 H8641 01C) is located on unnamed tributaries to Jackass Creek (S27, 34, T38N, R7E: S4, T37N, R7E), located 22 miles south of Page, Coconino County, Arizona

Because this project would result in a discharge of fill material into 0.366 acre of waters of the United States a Department of the Army permit is required pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344; 33 CFR parts 323 and 330).

I have determined construction of your proposed project, if constructed as described in your application, would comply with Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14, "Linear Transportation Projects". Specifically, and as shown in the enclosed figure(s), you are authorized to:

Wash 7, MP 526.17 (Sta 274+30)

- 1. Install new 24-inch by 40-CMP at new maintenance road.
- 2. Install temporary construction access near US 89.
- 3. Impact 0.020 acre permanently for CMP installation and 0.053 acre temporarily for construction access.

Wash 9, MP 526.08 (US 89 Sta 266+80)

- 1. Install temporary construction access near US 89.
- 2. Impact 0.030 acre temporarily for construction access.

Wash 23, MP 526.75 (US 89 Sta 305+60)

- 1. Extend the existing 24-inch by 150-foot CMP 16 feet upstream.
- 2. Install temporary construction access near US 89.
- 3. Impact 0.007 acre permanently for CMP extension and 0.017 acre temporarily for construction access.

Wash 27, MP 526.36 (Sta 280+00)

- 1. Install new 24-inch by 30-CMP at new maintenance road.
- 2. Discharge of fill for buttress.
- 3. Impact 0.032 acre permanently for CMP installation and discharge of fill.

Wash 28, MP 526.44 (Sta 285+00)

- 1. Install new 24-inch by 30-CMP at new maintenance road.
- 2. Discharge of fill for buttress.
- 3. Impact 0.062 acre permanently for CMP installation and discharge of fill.

Wash 34, MP 526.56 (Sta 290+00)

- 1. Install new 24-inch by 56-CMP at new maintenance road.
- 2. Discharge of fill for buttress.
- 3. Impact 0.070 acre permanently for CMP installation and discharge of fill.

Wash 35, MP 526.54 (Sta 294+00)

- 1. Discharge of fill for buttress.
- 2. Impact 0.075 acre permanently for discharge of fill.

For this NWP verification letter to be valid, you must comply with all of the terms and conditions in Enclosure 1. Furthermore, you must comply with the non-discretionary Special Conditions listed below:

- 1. The permittee shall provide notification, either written or verbal, to the Corps of Engineers at least one week prior to the start of work, as to the anticipated beginning and ending dates of construction. The permittee shall maintain the activity authorized by this permit in good condition and in conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
- 2. The permittee shall allow representatives from this office to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished within the terms and conditions of the permit.
- 3. A copy of the permit shall be on the job site at all times during construction. The permittee shall provide a copy of this permit to all construction representatives. The permittee shall require that all construction representatives read this authorization in its entirety and acknowledge they understand its contents and their responsibility to ensure compliance with all general and special conditions contained herein.
- 4. The construction limits for all work within waters of the U.S. shall be fenced, staked, or flagged prior to construction. The contractor(s) shall be thoroughly familiar with each of the project boundaries, and all perimeter markings shall be maintained intact for the life of the project. The contractor shall monitor each of the construction zones

during the entire length of the contract to ensure fencing, staking, or flagging remains in place and that no vegetation is disturbed outside of the construction limits.

- 5. The permittee shall not discharge dredged or fill material while constructing this project or any other phase of this project, other than the permitted activities identified above.
- 6. The permittee shall ensure that all project areas disturbed by construction-related activities are stabilized, and restored to their pre-project conditions/contours, to the maximum extent possible, upon project completion. All project areas disturbed above the ordinary high water mark shall be reseeded with locally native plant species. Watercourse morphology shall be re-established to match pre-construction configurations.
- 7. Unless specifically authorized all temporary construction access, staging activities, and stockpiling shall be located outside of the waters of the U.S. The location of these activities shall be sited to minimize the removal of mature trees, to utilize previously disturbed areas to the extent practicable, and to minimize the total area of disturbance.
- 8. The permittee shall comply with all requirements and conditions in the letter of water quality certification that the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency signed on February 14, 2014. This certification demonstrates that the permittee has complied with Section 401(a) of the Clean Water Act. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

This verification is valid through March 18, 2017. If on March 18, 2017 you have commenced or are under contract to commence the permitted activity you will have an additional twelve (12) months to complete the activity under the present NWP terms and conditions. However, if I discover noncompliance or unauthorized activities associated with the permitted activity I may request the use of discretionary authority in accordance with procedures in 33 CFR § 330.4(e) and 33 CFR § 330.5(c) or (d) to modify, suspend, or revoke this specific verification at an earlier date. Additionally, at the national level the Chief of Engineers, any time prior to March 18, 2017, may chose to modify, suspend, or revoke the nationwide use of a NWP after following procedures set forth in 33 CFR § 330.5. It is incumbent upon you to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this NWP verification and to remain informed of any change to the NWPs.

A NWP does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges. Additionally, it does not authorize any injury to the property, rights of others, nor does it authorize interference with any existing or proposed Federal project. Furthermore, it does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state, or local authorizations required by law.

Thank you for participating in the regulatory program. If you have any questions, contact Kathleen Tucker at 602-230-6956 or via e-mail at Kathleen.A.Tucker@usace.army.mil. Please help me to evaluate and improve the regulatory experience for others by completing the customer survey form at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey.

Sincerely,

Sallie Diebølt Chief, Arizona Branch Regulatory Division

Enclosures



LOS ANGELES DISTRICT U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY NATIONWIDE PERMIT

Permit Number: SPL-2013-00642-KAT

Name of Permittee: Audra Merrick, Flagstaff District

Date of Issuance: *February 18, 2014*

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and the mitigation required by this permit, sign this certificate, and return it by **ONE** of the following methods;

1) Email a digital scan of the signed certificate to Kathleen.A.Tucker@usace.army.mil **OR**

2) Mail the signed certificate to

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: Regulatory Division SPL-2013-00642-KAT3636 N Central Avenue, Suite 900Phoenix, AZ 85012-1939

I hereby certify that the authorized work and any required compensatory mitigation has been completed in accordance with the NWP authorization, including all general, regional, or activity-specific conditions. Furthermore, if credits from a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program were used to satisfy compensatory mitigation requirements I have attached the documentation required by 33 CFR 332.3(l)(3) to confirm that the appropriate number and resource type of credits have been secured.

Signature of Permittee

Date