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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT APPLICATION REQUEST

Dear Ms. Pearson:

It has come to my attention that you are planning a landscape-scale restoration project that focuses on promoting resilient ecosystems; protecting life, property, and natural resources; and encouraging natural wildland fire to function as a healthy process in the ecosystem in approximately 265,000 acres of National Forest System Lands in Pima, Pinal and Cochise Counties in Arizona.

These activities may require a Department of Army (DA) permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A DA permit is required for the discharge of dredged or fill material into, including any redeposit of dredged material other than incidental fallback within, "waters of the United States", including wetlands and adjacent wetlands pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972. Examples include, but are not limited to the following activities;

- a. creating fills for residential or commercial development, placing bank protection, temporary or permanent stockpiling of excavated material, building road crossings, backfilling for utility line crossings and constructing outfall structures, dams, levees, groins, weirs, or other structures;
- b. mechanized land clearing and grading which involve filling low areas or land leveling, ditching, channelizing and other excavation activities that would have the effect of destroying or degrading waters of the U.S.;
- c. allowing runoff or overflow from a contained land or water disposal area to re-enter a water of the U.S.; and
- d. placing pilings when such placement has or would have the effect of a discharge of fill material.

An application for a DA permit is available on our website:

<http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PermitProcess.aspx>. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Van Tuyl at 602-230-6991 or via e-mail at Leanne.VanTuyl@usace.army.mil. Please refer to this letter and SPL-2016-00163-LVT in your reply. 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,

/s/ Sallie Diebolt

Sallie Diebolt

Chief, Arizona Branch

Regulatory Division