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December 18, 2012

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Re: Cultural Resources Assessment of Proposed Trenching at Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Site Number 5 in the Gila River Streambed in District 3 of the Gila River Indian Community, Pinal County, Arizona (CRMP Project 2013.24)

Dear Mr. Everling:

At your request, the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Cultural Resource Management Program (CRMP) has conducted a cultural resources assessment for the proposed trenching within the Gila River streambed at Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Site 5 in District 3 of the GRIC, Pinal County, Arizona (see attached figure). The trenching project is being conducted to test soil infiltration rates for a proposed aquifer recharge project. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) consists of the trench locations and areas of access and egress along the roughly 3.25-mile long portion of the river channel located between the Sacaton Dam and Bridge (Olberg Road) and Sacaton Road in Sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Township 4 South, Range 6 East (Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian). This letter report provides cultural resources management recommendations for the proposed undertaking.

The project will entail digging six trenches perpendicular to the river channel, each measuring approximately four feet wide, 20 feet long and 10 feet deep. The trenches will start just downstream of the Sacaton Dam and Bridge, and then about every 2,000 to 2,200 feet down to Sacaton Road. Access for the backhoe will be the deciding factor on actual trench location.

The proposed trenches are located in the existing Gila River streambed. The areas within the modern streambed have removed any archaeological sites or materials from their primary context, and are therefore considered disturbed contexts from our point of view. Therefore, there will be no cultural resources concerns because no intact cultural resources will be affected by the project. No additional cultural resource investigations are necessary prior to the undertaking.

All information and recommendations are provided for feasibility assessment only and solely for Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP for the proposed undertaking. Additional cultural resource documentation may be necessary for the preparation of environmental documents for the purposes of federal, state, or Tribal compliance.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 520-562-7151.

Sincerely,



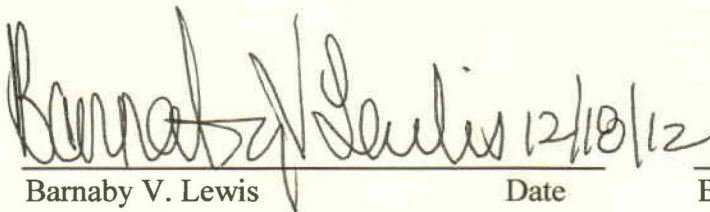
M. Kyle Woodson
Acting Director

Attachments (1)

GRIC-THPO concurrence for recommendations regarding the proposed trenching in the Gila River streambed for MAR Site 5 in District 3 of the GRIC, Pinal County, Arizona:

I Concur:

I Do Not Concur:



Barnaby V. Lewis

Date

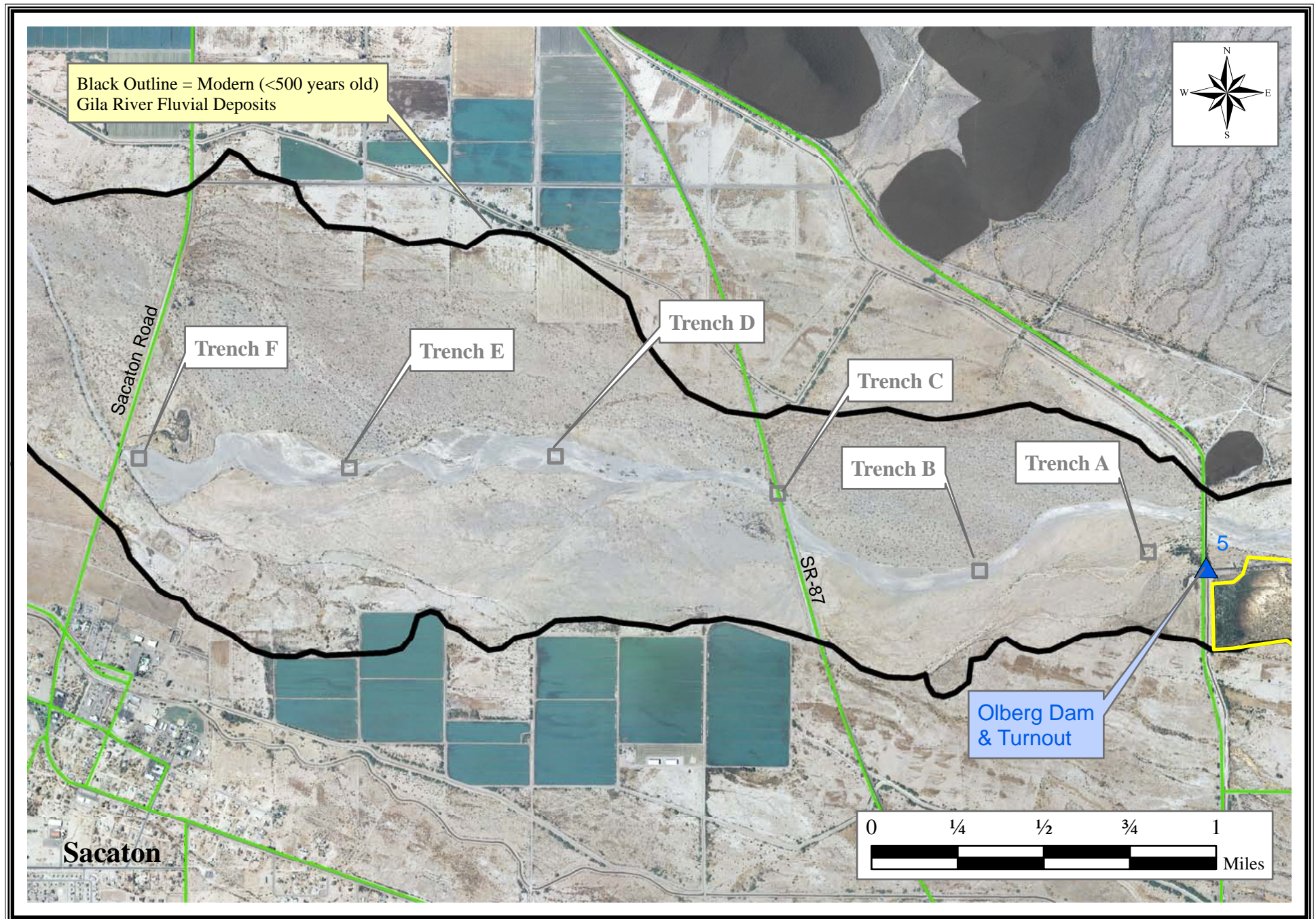
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Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Project #5



Proposed Trench Locations for Cultural Resources Management Planning and Cost Estimation - November 19, 2012