

Finding of No Significant Impact
Proposed Issuance of a
Section 10(a) Incidental Take Permit
Ecological Services
Utah State Office
Salt Lake City, Utah

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to issue a Section 10(a) incidental take permit under provisions of the Endangered Species Act. The permit would allow the taking of one peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) eyrie in Hell Canyon, Salt Lake County, Utah. The eyrie is in an active quarry and was created when the site was excavated. The area around the eyrie is industrial. The Wasatch Front is historical peregrine falcon habitat and vacant eyrie sites are available.

Alternatives to the proposed action include (1) no action, (2) Section 7 consultation, and (3) replace nest box on church office building (Hotel Utah) in downtown Salt Lake City, Utah.

Study of the environmental and socio-economic effects of the proposal has shown them not to represent a negative impact on the quality of the human environment.

Based on a review and evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references cited below, I have determined that the proposed issuance of a Section 10(a) permit in Salt Lake County, Utah is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Accordingly, the preparation of an environmental impact statement on the proposed action is not required.


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Regional Director

Feb 15, 1994
Date

References

Environmental Assessment
Habitat Conservation Plan