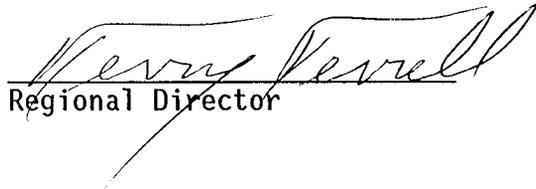


Finding of No Significant Impact  
Proposed Issuance of an Endangered Species Act  
Section 10(a) Incidental Take Permit  
Ecological Services, Utah Field Office  
Salt Lake City, Utah

The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to issue a section 10(a) incidental take permit (permit number PRT-817340) under provisions of the Endangered Species Act. The permit would allow the taking of up to 106 threatened Utah Prairie Dogs (*Cynomys parvidens*) in Cedar City, Iron County, Utah. The proposed take would occur over a 20-year permit period as the result of development and operation of a 63-acre industrial complex on privately-owned property within Cedar City, Iron County, Utah. Development and operation of the industrial complex will require capture and translocation of Utah Prairie Dogs from the approximately 63 acres of the project site.

Connel Gower Construction, Inc., the Applicant, considered a "no action" alternative to the proposed action. Study of the environmental and socio-economic effects of the proposed action 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 this section 10(a) permit in Iron 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 is not required.

  
DEPUTY Regional Director

Date

9/13/96

References:

Habitat Conservation Plan  
Implementation Agreement  
Environmental Assessment