

Attachment 10A

Department of Interior Explanatory Note February 1, 2011

This report includes all DOI bureaus and offices required to report under the ARRA, (the National Park Service (NPS), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination (OWFC), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Bureau of Reclamation (BR), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Central Utah Completion Project (CUCP)). The attached DOI summary and the bureau and office reports have been prepared in accordance with CEQ's reporting guidance. In addition to the tabular data reports, we are providing an explanatory note for each reporting bureau and office.

As illustrated in the attached spreadsheet, we have continued to make progress since the previous reporting period. This report represents an overall decrease in the number of pending NEPA actions from 0.5% for the last reporting period, to 0.2% for this reporting period. The attached spreadsheet also succinctly highlights the progress made by the Departmental bureaus and offices in reducing the number of pending NEPA actions with respect to ARRA funded projects from 88% in the first reporting period to less than one half of one percent in the current period. The individual bureau and office explanations provide detail of their individual progress and outline revisions such as, increases in completion, additions, and withdrawals. Explanations have also been provided for pending projects that have been carried over from the previous report. The individual bureau and office explanations also provide several examples of the benefits and value added by NEPA. In addition to the bureaus and offices reported as completing all NEPA actions during the previous period (BLM, OWFC, and CUCP), the FWS is now reporting the completion of all but one of its NEPA actions.

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