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This email is in response for comments to the EIS for oil and gas leasing on the Fishlake National Forest. The Upper Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation has salinity control projects in the Moore and Emery areas of the Price - San Rafael Unit. These projects are set up to reduce the amount of salts entering the drainage into the Colorado River by controlling the amount of agriculture irrigation water applied to the crops. The north eastern drainage of the Richfield District of the Fishlake National Forest (NF) drains into these salinity control project areas. Therefore under a worse case scenario, oil and gas development in the this drainage of the NF could potentially have a negative impact to the reduction of salinity entering the Colorado River basin. However, under normal conditions and working within the Clean Water Act, there should be no negative impact to the Bureau of Reclamation salinity control projects in the Price - San Rafael Unit.

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