Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review: Water Resources [ ] **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: USDA Forest Service [X] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: Upper Verde River, Arizona

Purpose of Report: Synthesis of research and monitoring activities during past 15 years

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [ ] Individual Reviewers

[X] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):
Double Blind Peer Review

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 3/01/2009 End: 4/30/2009 Completed: 5/31/2009

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:
Soils, hydrology, geomorphology, riparian vegetation and fish biology

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Other:

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