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Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Available for Great Basin National Park's Invasive Plant Management Plan Environmental Assessment

The National Park Service has completed a *Finding of No Significant Impact* (FONSI) for the park's Invasive Plant Management Plan Environmental Assessment. The FONSI was signed on March 12, 2014 by Christine S. Lehnertz, Pacific West Region Director, National Park Service.

The Regional Director concluded that implementation of the preferred alternative for the Invasive Plant Management Plan Environmental Assessment does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and is not an action that normally requires preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS).

In September 2013, the National Park Service (NPS) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Invasive Plant Management Plan. This EA, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, analyzed the impacts that will likely result from implementation of the plan.

Actions under the preferred alternative include implementing a full IPM strategy that includes inventory, monitoring and documentation, manual treatments, herbicide treatments, biological treatments, education and outreach, seed collection and storage, and restoration within Great Basin National Park and the Baker Administrative Site. Only licensed contractors or National Park Service staff certified to use herbicides will be permitted to apply herbicides or instruct application crews in treatment methods.

The FONSI, in addition to the EA and Determination of No Impairment, complete the environmental compliance for this project. These documents are available on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at (http://parkplanning.nps.gov/GRBA_InvasivePlants). For questions and additional information about this project please contact Gorden Bell, Environmental Protection Specialist at (775) 234-7540.