



September 12, 2017

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RE: Support for the Prescott National Forest's acquisition of the Rio Verde Ranch

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 non-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations throughout the state and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to provide via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives.

AZSFWC is comprised of 34 member groups and 7 affiliate members that reach across the spectrum of wildlife conservation, hunting, angling, outdoor recreation groups and businesses from all across Arizona. Our member organizations represent more than 10,000 sportsmen and women across Arizona.

Among many other initiatives, AZSFWC has been an advocate for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) since protection of public lands, particularly for wildlife habitat and recreational access to those lands is an important issue for many of our members and constituents.

AZSFWC and 16 of our member organizations strongly support the Prescott National Forest's effort to purchase the Rio Verde Ranch with funds through the LWCF, not only for the habitat, but for the additional access point to the Upper Verde River, which is very important to sportsmen and women in Arizona.

Please keep us informed as the process proceeds, thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Unmacht", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

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**AZSFWC Member groups supporting the
Prescott NF's acquisition of
the Rio Verde Ranch via the LWCF**

Anglers United
AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Big Game Super Raffle
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation
AZ Chapter Safari Club International
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited
AZ Deer Association
AZ Elk Society
AZ Flycasters
AZ Houndsmen
AZ Outdoor Adventures
Coconino Sportsmen
Mohave Sportsman Club
Outdoor Experience 4 All
Xtreme Predator Callers
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