



August 21, 2021

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Via email: aowens@azgfd.gov

RE: Dye Ranch Erosion Control and Wetland Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Owens:

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation, habitat work, youth recruitment and retention, as well as educating outdoor enthusiasts on issues important to their passions. AZSFWC consists of 38 member, affiliate, and associate groups that reach across the spectrum of hunting, angling, shooting, outdoor recreation, and businesses from across Arizona. Our member groups represent more than 16,000 people from Arizona.

AZSFWC is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Dye Ranch Erosion Control and Wetland Improvement Project, for which the Department is submitting a grant application to the Arizona Water Protection Fund. Stabilizing the degraded stream channel and creation of permanent functional wetlands will greatly enhance habitat quality for a variety of game and nongame species on this parcel of the Chevelon Canyon Ranches Wildlife Area, which will in turn improve opportunities for hunting and non-consumptive wildlife recreation.

AZSFWC appreciates that this multi-partner effort has been developed in cooperation with Wetland Restoration and Training, LLC; Bat Conservation International; US Fish and Wildlife Service; and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest.

Yours in conservation,

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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