



October 14, 2020

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Bureau of Land Management  
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Phoenix, AZ 85027

**Re: DOI-BLM-AZ-P000-2020-0002-DNA  
Recreational Shooting Sports Project – Proposed Long-Term Closures**

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 sportsmen and women on issues important to their passions. AZSFWC's member, affiliate, and associate groups reach across the spectrum of hunting, angling, shooting, outdoor recreation and businesses from across Arizona. Our member groups represent in excess of 10,000 sportsmen and women from Arizona.

AZSFWC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the BLM's proposed long-term closures around the recreational shooting sites being developed within the Phoenix District. As the BLM has stated before, "Recreational shooting sports are one of our nation's oldest and most popular pastimes and are long-standing and appropriate use of Bureau of Land Management public lands."

The popularity of recreational shooting requires several considerations due to the nature of the endeavor, but none more important than the safety of those participating, as well as those in proximity of that activity. In that context, AZSFWC and 17 of our member organizations (list follows) support your proposed long-term closure around the designated sites as noted in your Recreational Shooting Sports Project documents.

AZSFWC appreciates the BLM's efforts to enhance recreational shooting access and at the same time ensure the public can do so in a safe manner.

Thank you.

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

Jim Unmacht  
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**AZSFWC Organizations supporting the BLM's Proposed Long-Term Closures Around Recreational Shooting Sites**

Anglers United  
AZ Antelope Foundation  
AZ Big Game Super Raffle  
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation  
AZ Chapter of Safari Club International  
AZ Deer Association  
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited  
AZ Houndsmen's Association  
AZ Outdoor Sports  
Christian Hunters of America  
Mohave Sportsman Club  
Outdoor Experience 4 All  
Southern AZ Quail Forever  
Southwest Wildlife Foundation  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever  
Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club

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