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**RE: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Pinaleño Firescape Project**

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 non-profit organization that consists of member, affiliate, and associate groups that reach across the spectrum of hunting, angling, shooting, outdoor recreation, and businesses from across Arizona. Our member groups alone represent more than 16,000 people from Arizona.

AZSFWC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pinaleño Firescape Project. AZSFWC is on record supporting this project as evidenced with our attached scoping letter from August 30, 2020. AZSFWC also provided funding for the Pinaleño Ecosystem Restoration Project in association with the Arizona Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation beginning in 2016.

AZSFWC and 23 of our member organizations fully support the proposed action, with its combination of prescribed fire, thinning, seeding, herbicide, and watershed stabilization treatments. We likewise support the use of mechanized equipment where needed to meet project and Forest Plan objectives in inventoried roadless areas and the Mount Graham Wilderness Study area.

Finally, we appreciate that design features of the project have been developed in coordination with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, in order to maximize benefits to wildlife and their habitats.

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## **AZSFWC Member Organizations Supporting the Pinaleno FireScape Draft Environmental Assessment**

AZ Antelope Foundation  
AZ Bass Federation Nation  
AZ Big Game Super Raffle  
AZ Chapter of Safari Club International  
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited  
AZ Deer Association  
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society  
AZ Elk Society  
AZ Flycasters Club  
AZ Houndsmen's Association  
AZ Outdoor Sports  
AZ State Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation  
Ben Avery Clay Busters  
Christian Hunters of America  
Outdoor Experience 4 All  
Southern AZ Quail Forever  
Southwest Wildlife Foundation  
SRT Outdoors  
The BASS Federation of AZ  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Trust for Public Land  
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever  
Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club

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