



September 15, 2022

Kerwin Dewberry, Forest Supervisor
Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Support for Proposed Charouleau Gap Property Acquisition - Pinal County

Dear Mr. Dewberry:

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 organization dedicated to wildlife conservation, habitat improvement, youth recruitment and retention, as well as educating outdoor enthusiasts on issues important to their passions. AZSFWC member organizations reach across the spectrum of wildlife conservation, hunting, angling, shooting sports, outdoor recreation groups and businesses from across Arizona, representing more than 25,000 people.

Among many other initiatives, AZSFWC has been an advocate for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for a long time! Our public lands are of utmost concern to our members and constituents, particularly when it has to do with enhancing and improving wildlife habitat, as well as expanding recreational access to those public lands.

AZSFWC and 24 of our member organizations (list attached) strongly support the efforts of the Coronado National Forest to purchase the 695-acre Charouleau Gap property that is just south of Oracle and a private inholding in the Forest. We understand from the Arizona Game and Fish Department that the acquisition of this parcel would result in ensuring permanent access to over 12,000 acres of public land located on the north side of the Santa Catalina Mountains.

AZSFWC wholeheartedly supports the enhancement of recreational access to our public lands through projects like this one for all outdoor enthusiasts, so we thank you for your efforts on this project!

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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
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Cc: Ty Gray, Director, Arizona Game and Fish Department

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**AZSFWC Member Organizations Supporting the
Coronado NF Land & Water Conservation Fund
Charouleau Gap Acquisition Project**

Anglers United
AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Big Game Super Raffle
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation
AZ Chapter of Safari Club International
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited
AZ Deer Association
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
AZ Elk Society
AZ Fly Casters
AZ Houndsmen's Association
AZ Outdoor Sports
AZ Predator Callers
Ben Avery Clay Busters
Christian Hunters of America
Diablo Trust
Ducks Unlimited
Mogollon Sporting Association
No Excuse Hunting
Outdoor Experience 4 All
Southern AZ Quail Forever
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Trust for Public Land
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever

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