



April 18, 2014

Mr. Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor, Tonto National Forest
Attn: Bighorn Sheep Population Management Project
2324 E. McDowell Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85006

Dear Mr. Bosworth:

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501(c) (3) organization with 21 member organizations made up of over 5000 individual members. We want to express our support for a favorable decision regarding the Environmental Assessment 2014-04 Tonto Forest Use of Helicopters during the Bighorn Sheep Population Management Project.

We believe it is critical for helicopter use within the national forest for wildlife management purposes, including in wilderness areas, to accomplish the goals necessary for managing bighorn sheep. Those goals with the sheep project include, capture, release, translocation, population monitoring, and research. Mechanized exceptions are periodically vital and necessary for fish and wildlife management work in wilderness areas, and this is one of those opportunities!

AZSFWC and its member organizations support a solid working relationship and cooperation between the Tonto National Forest and the AZ Game & Fish Department. This is one of those situations where that working relationship will benefit an iconic species of wildlife here in Arizona. Thank you!

Yours in Conservation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Unmacht", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Unmacht
President

Supporting organizations:

Anglers United	AZ Deer Association
AZ Antelope Foundation	AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
AZ BASS	AZ Elk Society
AZ Big Game Super Raffle	AZ Fly Casters
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation	AZ Houndsmen
AZ Chapter Safari Club International	AZ Trappers Association
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Outdoor Experience 4 All	The BASS Federation
South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club	