



October 29, 2018

Raymond Suazo
Arizona State Director
Bureau of Land Management
1 North Central Ave, Suite 800
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Cal Joyner
Regional Forester, Southwestern Region
U.S. Forest Service
333 Broadway SE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

**RE: Support for Proposed BLM and Forest Service Acquisition of
Cross F Ranch, Graham County, Arizona**

Dear Mr. Suazo and Mr. Joyner:

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inform sportsmen, wildlife conservation organizations through the state, and the public at large on important issues related to wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to provide via grants or other sources, funding to conserve Arizona's wildlife populations through habitat enhancement initiatives.

AZSFWC is comprised of 42 Member, Affiliate and Associate organizations that reach across the spectrum of wildlife conservation, hunting, angling, shooting, outdoor recreation groups and business from all across Arizona. Our member organizations represent more than 10,000 sportsmen and women across Arizona.

Among many other initiatives, AZSFWC has been an advocate for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) since protection of public lands, particularly for wildlife habitat and recreational access to those lands, is an important issue for many of our members and constituents.

AZSFWC and 26 of our member organizations strongly support the efforts of BLM and the Coronado National Forest to purchase the Cross F Ranch in Graham County with funds through the LWCF. We believe this is critical not only for the habitat, but also for the additional access points to Aravaipa Canyon area and the

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Santa Teresa Mountains, which is very important to sportsmen and women in Arizona.

A list of our Member groups supporting the effort is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Yours in Conservation,

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

Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

Cc: Scott Feldhausen, BLM Gila District Manager
Scott Cook, BLM Safford Field Office Manager
Kerwin Dewberry, Coronado National Forest Supervisor
Ty Gray, Director, Arizona Game and Fish



**AZSFWC Member Organizations Supporting the
Cross F Ranch Acquisition with LWCF Funding**

Anglers United
AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
AZ Bass Federation Nation
AZ Big Game Super Raffle
AZ Bowhunters Association
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited
AZ Deer Association
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
AZ Flycasters Club
AZ Houndsmen
AZ Outdoor Sports
AZ Shooting Sports Education Foundation
AZ Taxidermy Association
Christian Hunters of America
Coconino Sportsmen
Mohave Sportsman Club
Outdoor Experience 4 All
South Eastern AZ Sportsmen Club
SRT Outdoors
The BASS Federation
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever
Xtreme Predator Callers
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