



October 10, 2007

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Governor of Arizona
1700 W Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Travel Management Plan

Dear Governor Napolitano:

We are writing to you as a broad coalition of groups strongly interested in the conservation of natural resources on public lands in Arizona that includes the Arizona Wildlife Federation (AWF), Arizona Elk Society (AES), the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited (AZTU), the Arizona Deer Association (ADA), Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society (ADBSS), and the Arizona Antelope Foundation (AAF). Currently, the US Forest Service and some Bureau of Land Management (BLM) units are involved in a Travel Management Planning process in Arizona as well as other states across the U.S., which will ultimately result in the development and implementation of a Travel Management Plan for each of our state's National Forests and some BLM lands.

As the Honorable Governor of the great state of Arizona you fulfill a unique role in decisions requiring strong coordination between the Federal land management agencies and State agencies that are responsible for managing and enforcing regulations related to public motorized travel including Off Highway Vehicle use on National Forest and BLM lands in Arizona. We are seeking your support and help in ensuring that the appropriate state agencies (e.g., Arizona Game and Fish Department) are closely involved in this process and that outdoor recreational user's voices are heard in these travel management planning processes as well.

The coalition of the AWF, AES, AZTU, ADA, ADBSS, and AAF strongly support the development, implementation and enforcement of comprehensive Travel Management plans in Arizona. Consequently, there are concerns and recommendations related to Travel Management that we would like to share with you, and to that end we are sending with this letter a copy of a Position Statement on Travel Management that the coalition has developed and endorsed.

In addition to these recommendations, the AWF, AES, AZTU, ADA, ADBSS, and AAF intend to mobilize their members and other outdoor conservationists and recreational users to participate in the various travel management planning processes on each National Forest and BLM Resource Area in Arizona in order to advocate for these recommendations. Our goal is to have these advocates coordinate with the Federal and State agencies in Arizona to help develop site-specific management recommendations that will protect and sustain viable wildlife habitats as well as enhance recreation experiences on our public lands. In the interests of making critical information available to the Federal

and State agencies, the coalition has provided that to them through letter and position statement prior to our request for consideration to you.

The coalition would greatly appreciate your attention and assistance with this vital wildlife and public land conservation issue that is of major concern throughout Forest Service and BLM lands in the U.S. and Arizona. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryna P. Rock". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Enclosure