

Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission 1700 West Washington, Room B-54 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: Verde River

Dear People,

It has recently been brought to our attention through the Sierra Club, which we are members, that your commission is contemplating changing the status of the Verde River from public trust to individual property owners.

We believe that the Verde River should remain within the public trust and not to individual property owners. Our experience with the San Pedro River in Cochise County has private owners of parts of the river which causes confusion and inability to properly monitor the river. We know this because we are members of the Friends of the San Pedro River and have come up against situations where we have been informed that we were not allowed to clean up debris on the privately owned sections, which would be trespassing.

This action on the Verde River would impede access to sections of the river if it became privately owned, just like it has on the San Pedro River. Arizonans, as well as, tourists from around the country enjoy the Rivers and the wild life they support. Please consider this in coming to your decision.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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