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Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission

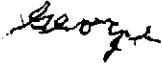
Wade Noble, Chair

I wish to voice my opposition to the Verde River being designated as navigable. My family has owned a farm bordering the Verde River in Middle Verde since 1916. We have never seen a consistent flow in the river that would facilitate boats or commerce.

My Father hauled hay and produce to Jerome in a wagon and had to cross the river to get there. Rarely was his travel impeded by the river level being too high to cross.

In later years I farmed land across the river from our property and moved equipment back and forth without a problem. I have now lived on the farm for 93 years and have never considered the Verde River to be a navigable river.

Thank you for your consideration,



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