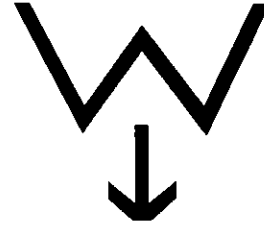


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May 1, 2014

Hand Delivered

Mr. Wade Noble, Chair
Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission
1700 W. Washington
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Verde River Navigability Hearing
May 1, 2014 – Prescott

Dear Mr. Noble:

On behalf of the Groseta family, I am writing this letter to voice our strong objection to the Verde River being designated as a “*navigable*” stream. The Verde River has **never** been navigable where ships and/or boats were used for commerce.

In fact, 15-20 years ago, my father, Peter Groseta, Jr., who was born in the Verde Valley, and grew up on a farm/ranch on the banks of the Verde River, testified before the Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission that the Verde River was not navigable. My grandfather, Peter Groseta, Sr., and father both used to say that they “could tip toe across the Verde River without getting wet” during the summer time. Several years ago, old time Verde Valley families including my father, Peter Groseta Jr., Pat Patterson and others testified and/or submitted information to ANSAC at previous hearings that the Verde River was **never** navigable during their lifetime (early 1900’s).

I am a third generation rancher whose headquarters are located on the Verde River. I grew up on the banks of the Verde, swimming, fishing and running cattle on the river with my family. In fact, our family has been farming and grazing livestock on the Verde since 1922. Given the day to day knowledge of our family living on the Verde River, it has **never** been navigable, even before Statehood.



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Both sides of my family came to the Verde Valley before Arizona's Statehood, and they had never seen boats, ferries, or ships transporting goods. In fact, my Dad's side of the family used a wagon pulled by a team of horses to cross the Verde River between Cottonwood and Camp Verde to haul beef, lamb, chickens, eggs, butter, and all kinds of fruits and vegetables to sell to the miners in Jerome. It would not have been possible to cross the Verde River with a wagon if it ran enough water for boats and ships. Our family was friends with all of the old time Verde Valley families, and none of them ever said that the Verde River was large enough for boats or ships to be used for commerce.

In closing, I am submitting this evidence to ANSAC that clearly supports this fact: ***that the Verde River prior to Statehood was and still is Non-Navigable***. The Commission should have ample evidence that has been submitted during this and previous hearings to document that the Verde River **never** has been navigable and we respectfully request that the Commission deem it **non-navigable**.

Please keep me posted regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Groseta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andy Groseta

Cc: Jim Hennes, Vice Chair, ANSAC
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