

PERKINS RANCH, INC.

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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission (ANSAC)
Attention: Mr. Wade Noble, Chair
1700 West Washington, Room B-54
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Verde River

Dear Mr. Noble:

The Perkins family bought a ranch on the Upper Verde River in late 1899 at a location now known as Perkinsville. They drove their cattle from West Texas and settled on the ranch in the spring of 1900. My father-in-law, Tom Perkins, President/CEO of Perkins Ranch, Inc., was born in 1928, was raised on the ranch, and lived there until 2008. His father, Nick Perkins, was a young man and a hand on the drive from Texas, as well as Marion A. Perkins, Nick's father and Tom's grandfather. Marion A. Perkins was one of the first Representatives from the area of Yavapai County before and after Arizona became a state in 1912.

According to Tom Perkins, the river was never more than a meandering stream all the way from the junction of Chino Wash and Granite Creek (approximately 15 miles up river from the ranch) down to the Clarkdale area (20 miles down river from the ranch). There was never a time that the Verde River ran deep or wide enough for boats or ships to be used for commerce on this area of the river where the Perkins Ranch cattle roamed. Most areas, other than a few deep holes, could easily be crossed by foot without water running in the tops of a person's boots. See attached photographs of the Verde River in the 1920's.

Perkins Ranch has paid property taxes on the private property it owns on the river for many years. Perkins Ranch, Inc., and its family shareholders unanimously oppose the Verde River being designated as "navigable."

Sincerely,

PERKINS RANCH, INC.

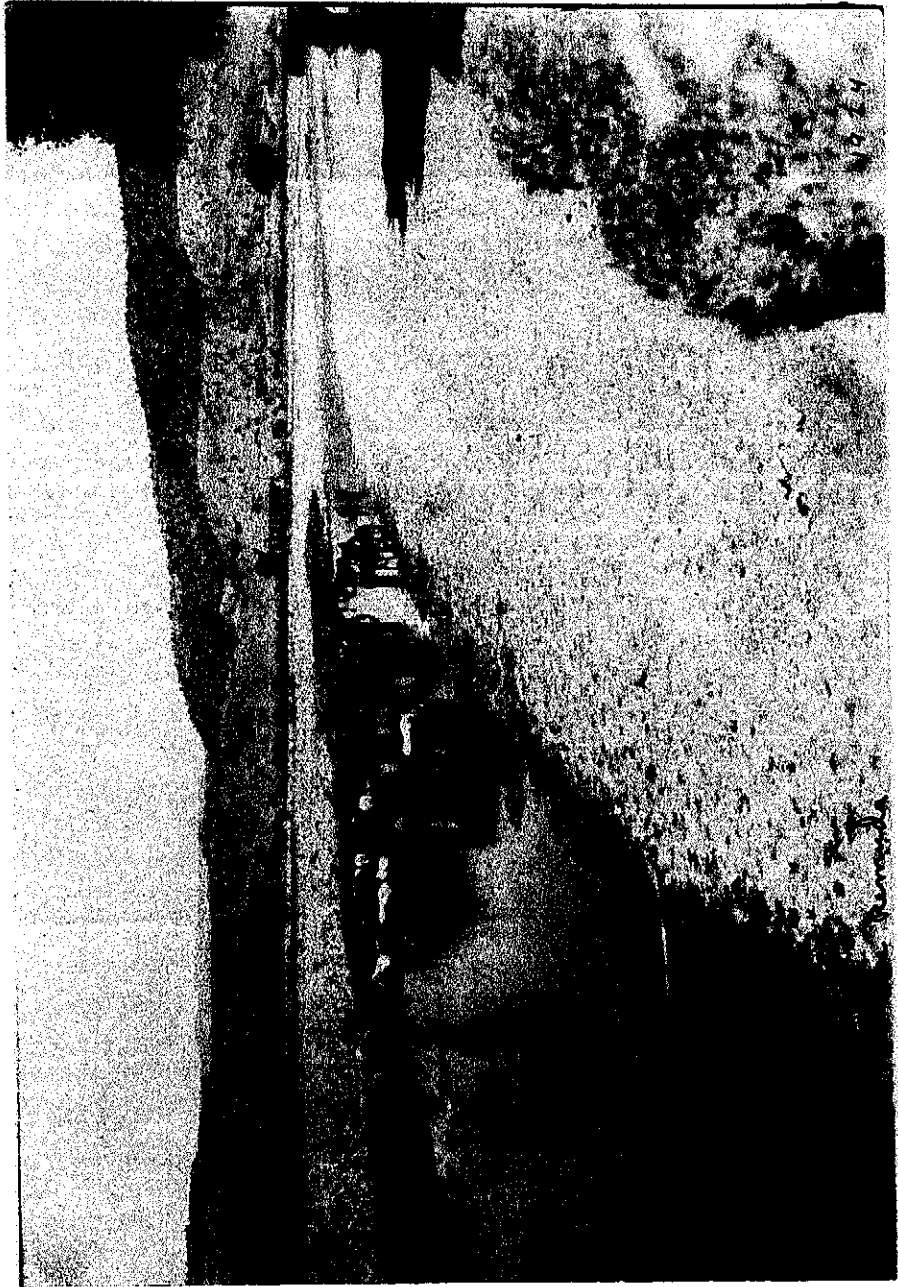
By: 

Daniel K. Major, General Manager

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Attachments

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1920's

PER TOM PEAKINS

Young Ranch on Verde River

NOW KNOWN AS THE VERDE RANCH (NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE VERDE RIVER FLOW)