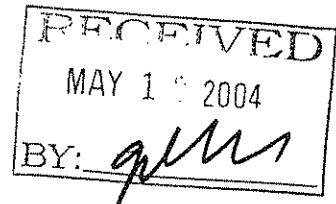


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Arizona Navigable Streams Adjudication Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

Our family has enjoyed swimming, wading, and boating in many of Arizona's streams and rivers and we ask you to preserve them for recreation in perpetuity. Our daughter enjoys kayaking on the Lake Mary Narrows every summer at St. Joseph's Youth Camp, and we regularly visit the Lower Salt River for rafting and wading. In addition, we have stayed at San Pedro River Inn, within walking distance of the San Pedro River where our daughter enjoys wading and we watch and photograph birds. Another of our favorite destinations is Aravaipa Creek, where we wade, hike, photograph, and paint. An inn outside the wilderness area accommodates us on a regular basis. We regularly visit the Nature Conservancy site near the Hassayampa River, and we visit Estrella Mountain Park and the Gila River. While the Verde and Little Colorado Rivers do not always have enough water for rafting, we believe these rivers were navigable at the time of statehood and should be preserved without use for commercial development such as farming, housing, gravel removal, or ranching. Thank you for preserving these precious resources.

Sincerely yours,

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