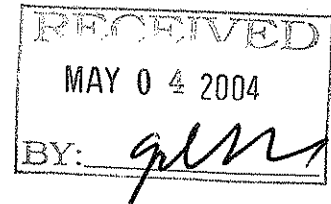


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To Whom it may concern:

**PRESERVING RIVERS AND STREAMS OF ARIZONA.**

The State of Arizona should keep control of all its waterways to provide the people of this state as well as out of state visitors an opportunity to experience the unique world of waterway travel. Development is threatening virtually all of the mountains, lakes, and deserts in our state and I believe that the waterways I have listed below and all the others should be protected by the state.

The rivers and streams listed have given my family, some of our friends, and me a lot of the finest experiences of our lives. I would like to have these places preserved for future generations.

**COLORADO RIVER (GRAND CANYON):**

In 2002 my two sons and I took a commercial raft trip from Lees Ferry to Lake Mead, about 240 miles.

**VERDE RIVER:**

Starting in the late 1970's my two sons, some of our friends and I traveled the 60 to 70 mile length of the river in canoes, from Camp Verde or Childs to Horse shoe Lake, for ten consecutive years on Memorial Day weekend. We traveled the same trip at intervals for another 5 years.

**UPPER SALT RIVER:**

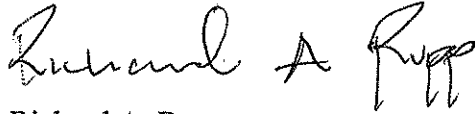
In the 1980's my youngest son and I and later some friends traveled the length of the upper Salt in inflatable kayaks from the bridge at Salt River Crossing to the bridge above Roosevelt Lake for three consecutive years. We took commercial raft trips on the river and used the canoe on the lower part above Roosevelt Lake.

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TONTO CREEK, HAIGLER CREEK and WEST CLEAR CREEK:

Starting the 1970's and continuing through the 1990's either of my two sons, our friends and I back packed the length of these streams several times. The trips took us five days each and since these streams box up or go, wall to wall water many, many times, we had rafts or flotation devices to carry us and our packs through to where we could take up hiking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Rupp". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard A. Rupp