

Upper Salt

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Dear Sirs:

I wish to submit evidence that some of the rivers in Arizona are indeed boatable and as such should be considered river corridors with boatable channels. These navigable streams should be held and protected, not sold for commercial purposes; please recognize the importance of preserving various non consumptive uses of waterways.

These are but a few of the trips I've taken:

Verde River

May 10, 1966

Camp Verde to Horseshoe Reservoir

Notes: 2 -14'-rafts, 4 people; saw Indian ruins, turtles, and rattlesnakes; 63 miles; 5 days;

Verde River

May 11, 1989

Beasley Flats to Childs

Notes: 18 miles, 7 hours; 362 cfs, very low; Portaged Verdi Falls; saw many golden eagles; 8 other people boating with us.

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Ap. 2, 1989

Salt River Canyon Bridge to Cibicue Creek

Notes: 596 cfs, low flow; boats: 12' NRS Otter and 5 kayaks;

Verde River

Mar. 10, 1991

Camp Verdi Bridge on General Crook Hwy. to Beasley Flats

Notes: 2000 cfs; boats: Tahiti Inflatable kayak (IK) and Paddelac IK; 2 people and 1 dog.

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Mar. 16, 1991

Horseshoe Bend to Diversion dam

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Notes: 1700 cfs; boats: IKs, 16' canoes, and 14'-16' rafts; 20 people;

Verde River

Mar. 23, 1991

Beasley Flat to Childs

Notes: between 1500 cfs; Boats: IK, rafts, canoes; 15 people;

Verde River

Mar. 30, 1991

Beasley Flat to Childs

Notes: 3000 cfs; 2 IKs and 16' Avon raft; 8 people;

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Ap. 6-7, 1991

Cibicue Creek to Salt Draw

Notes: 5100 cfs; boats: 16' rafts, lots of kayaks; 20-30 people;

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Ap. 20-21, 1991

1st campground to Cibicue Creek

Notes: 3200 cfs; 16 people; 2 trips on 16' Avon raft;

Gila River

Aug. 3, 1991

Christmas to Winkleman

Notes: 14 miles; canoes and IKs; 18 people;

Lower Salt River

Feb. 3, 1992

Users to Phon B. Sutton

Notes: 8 miles in 4 hours; boats: 13' micro cataraft and IKs; 6 people;

Tonto Creek

Feb. 16, 1992

Confluence of Rye Creek & Tonto Creek.

Notes: 900-1000 cfs; 14 people; 14' paddle raft and many kayaks and IKs.

Upper Salt River

Feb. 19, 1992

Bridge to Cibicue Creek

Notes: 1200 cfs; 8 miles in 1.5 hours. Boats: 14' paddle raft, 2 -13' micro catarafts; 6 people;

San Francisco River

Mar. 14-15, 1992

Glenwood Springs, N.M. to Clifton, AZ.

Notes: 54 miles, flow good; boats: 2-14' rafts, IKs, 13' cataraft; 16 people;

Gila Box

Mar. 28-29, 1992

San Francisco River in Clifton to Bonita Creek on the Gila River

Notes: 26 miles; flow excellent; 10 people; 14-16' rafts and IKs;

Upper Salt River

Ap. 17-19, 1992

Salt River Bridge to Roosevelt Lake Ramp

Notes: 54 miles; 3100-2700 cfs; 16 people in 10 rafts; lined Quartzite on right side.

Upper Salt River

Ap. 25-26, 1992

Bridge to Salt Banks

14 people in rafts and kayaks

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Jan. 22-24, 1993; 5500-7700 cfs; bridge to bridge;

May 8-9, 1993; 4500 cfs; Bridge to Salt banks;

Jan. 7, 1995; 2837 cfs; Bridge to Cibicue Creek;

Jan. 14-15, 1995; 4700 cfs; Salt R. Canyon bridge to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Mar. 18-19, 1995; 2486-4607 cfs; Salt R. Canyon bridge to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Ap. 8, 1995; 1150 cfs; Cibicue Creek to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Mar. 21-24, 1997; 1900-2717 cfs; Salt R. Canyon bridge to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Mar. 22, 1998; 2000 cfs; Salt R. Canyon Bridge to Cibicue Creek;

Mar. 27-29, 1998; 4000-5400 cfs; Salt R. Canyon bridge to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Ap. 17-19, 1998; 1900-2100 cfs; Salt R. Canyon Bridge to

Aug. 8, 1999; 1200 cfs; Salt R. Canyon Bridge to Salt Banks.

Mar. 24-26, 2001; 1400-1800 cfs; Salt R. Canyon bridge to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Ap. 13-15, 2001; 1400-1800 cfs; Salt R. Canyon bridge to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Mar. 28, 2001; 1150 cfs; Salt R. Canyon Bridge to Salt Banks.

Feb. 16, 2003; 1370 cfs; 10 miles in 3.5 hrs; Salt R. Canyon Bridge to Salt Banks.

Mar. 21-23, 2003; 2200-2800 cfs; Salt R. Canyon bridge to bridge above Roosevelt Lake.

Ap. 6, 2003; 1330 cfs; Salt R. Canyon Bridge to Salt Banks.

Lower Salt

Aug. 20, 1993; Users to Phon B. Sutton; 2500 cfs

San Francisco River/ Gila River

Glenwood Springs, N.M. to Bonita Creek, AZ

Mar. 5-8, 1993

Notes: 73 miles; 4 days; 6 people; 14' raft, 13' raft and 4 IKs.

Tonto Creek

Feb. 11, 1994

Confluence of Rye Creek & Tonto Creek.

Notes: 8 people; kayaks and IKs.

Gila River "Gila Box"

Mar. 4-5, 1995

Old Safford Bridge to Dry Canyon

Notes: 23 miles; 1800 cfs; camped @ Eagle Creek; 12 people in 13-16' rafts, IKs, kayaks, and canoes;

Gila River

Summer 1996

BLM putin above Christmas Mine to bridge below Winkleman.

Notes: 7 people; 13' catraft; 16' raft, and an IK.

Verde River

Mar. 15, 1998

Beasley Flats to Childs

Notes: 2000 cfs; 18 miles in 5 hrs; 15 people in micro catarafts, rafts and kayaks;

Gila River

June 24, 2001

Kelvin to Ashhurst Dam

Notes: 650 cfs; 19 miles in 3 hrs; lots of birds; 2 people in IKs.

Gila River

Aug. 5, 2001

Christmas to Kelvin

Notes: 600-800 cfs; no hazards; 5 people in IKs/kayaks;

As you can see, many of Arizona's rivers are navigable. I know friends that have boated the Blue River to the San Francisco and also the Agua Fria River.

Arizona's Rivers should be retained for use and enjoyment of the greater population.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Rhodes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

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