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Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission
1700 W Washington; Room 404
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Verde River, navigability

Dear Commissioners:

In response to your request for evidence regarding characteristics of navigability of the Verde River, I submit the following information about trips that I have made on various reaches of the river.

1. The Verde River (near the federal Wild and Scenic River sections):
These trips were taken between 1982 and 1993. River flows ranged between 400 cfs and 5,000 cfs. Over the past 15 years I and other river runners have rafted or kayaked this section of the Verde River many times on various reaches. I personally can recount at least five trips I have made. The launch points included the following:
 - a. at the Highway 260 bridge within the town of Camp Verde;
 - b. various points located on the east side of the Verde River reached by Hwy 260, 2 miles upstream of the confluence with Clear Creek;
 - c. Beasley Flat.The takeout points included the following:
 - d. the Hot Springs at the Childs Power Plant;
 - e. Tangle Creek;
 - f. the boat landing at Horseshoe Lake.
2. Verde River, launching one-half mile above Needle Rock; takeout at Needle Rock. Estimated flow was 400 cfs. (One trip in the late 1980's).
3. Verde River, launching at Needle Rock, takeout at its confluence with the Salt River: estimated flow was 800 cfs. (One trip in 1992 or 1993)
4. Verde River, launching at the Hwy 87 bridge; takeout on the Salt River at the municipal water treatment plant at Red Mountain. Mostly tubing, some kayaking and rafting. Estimated flows were 800 cfs to 1200 cfs. (1968 to the present).

I have listed only the trips that I personally made. Others made trips in which I did not

participate.

Stream depths ranged from over the height of my paddle (about 7 feet) to as low as 6 inches. I could dig up a photograph or slide from most trips; if you want to see them please let me know.

The Verde River is more than "navigable"; it is actually "navigated." On spring and summer weekends I would estimate that there are several thousand Phoenicians who recreate on the Salt or Verde Rivers by floating it in inner tubes or on small rafts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy J. Flood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Timothy J Flood