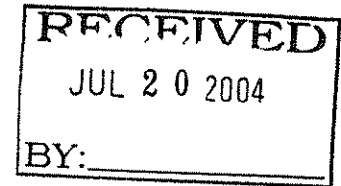


East Verde
Gila

July 14, 2004



Arizona Navigable Streams Adjudication Commission
1700 W Washington, Room 304
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commission members:

I wish to comment on the navigability of certain Arizona streams. I understand that you are reviewing the navigable status of Arizona streams. Please be assured that "major watercourses" are indeed navigable because I have kayaked extensively in Arizona for the past 12 years. Please also review the following trips I have made:


- Agua Fria River:** Cordes Junction to Black Canyon City, March 1999, 5 kayaks, 300 cfs
- Blue River:** Town of Blue to Juan Miller Road, April 1991, 2 kayaks, 350 cfs
- Gila River:** Lower Box (Hwy 666 to San Jose), April 1991 and May 1998, 1 canoe, 1200 and 3,000 cfs
- Little Colorado River:** Springerville to Lyman Lake, 4 trips in spring 1993, up to 4 kayaks, 250-350 cfs
- San Francisco River:** State-line to Clifton, April 1991, 1 canoe, 900 cfs
- Upper Salt:** San Carlos Reservation to Hwy 88, numerous trips from 1989 to 1995, up to 12 people, flows from 350 cfs to 22,000 cfs
- Verde River:** Camp Verde to Childs, several trips from 1990 to 1994, 3 kayaks, 800-1000 cfs

In addition to the above, I have also kayaked on several streams not on your "major watercourses" list. I have paddled the East Verde River (Payson to Dall Baby Ranch), Sycamore Creek (at Sunflower), the Black River (state-line to White Mountain Reservation), Tonto Creek (Gisela to Jake's Corner), and Oak Creek (Oak Creek Rec. Area to Sedona).

I lived in Arizona for several years, but now live in Colorado. I continue to paddle in the Southwest, and certainly plan to paddle in Arizona in the future. Access to the rivers is important for my lifestyle, and I would be greatly saddened to lose that right on any river. Please be reminded of the economic support recreational river users provide the small, local communities. I frequently lodge and always dine in the communities near the rivers and streams on which I recreate.

Please consider present and future stream users in your deliberations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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