



January 13, 2021

Celeste Kinsey, District Ranger
Sierra Vista Ranger District
Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Meadow Valley Public Access Project #58624

Dear Ms. Kinsey:

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation, habitat work, youth recruitment and retention, as well as educating outdoor enthusiasts on issues important to their passions. AZSFWC consists of 43 member, affiliate, and associate groups that reach across the spectrum of hunting, angling, shooting, outdoor recreation and businesses from across Arizona. Our member groups represent more than 10,000 people from Arizona.

AZSFWC appreciates the opportunity to comment on your proposed Meadow Valley Public Access Project. We continue to advocate for improved and enhanced access for outdoor recreationists on our public lands in the state of Arizona.

AZSFWC and 28 of our member organizations (list attached) strongly support your proposal to open motorized public access in the Huachuca Ecosystem Management Area of the Coronado National Forest. We concur with the Arizona Game and Fish Department's (AZGFD) comment that the route selected in the environmental analysis will have the least impact on natural resources and surrounding lands. The establishment of this route will restore recreational access to nearly 32,000 acres of the National Forest lands for wildlife related activities. This includes exceptional Mearns quail and Coues whitetail deer hunting, and public access to AZGFD's Bog Hole Wildlife Area.

AZSFWC appreciates your continued cooperation with the AZGFD, in view of their statutory responsibility for managing Arizona's wildlife, coupled with their commensurate expertise with respective habitat requirements.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts in enhancing public access to our National Forest lands!

Yours in Conservation,

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Jim Unmacht
Executive Director

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**AZSFWC Member Organizations Supporting the
Meadow Valley Public Access Project**

Anglers United
AZ Antelope Foundation
AZ Bass Federation Nation
AZ Big Game Super Raffle
AZ Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
AZ Chapter National Wild Turkey Federation
AZ Chapter Safari Club International
AZ Council of Trout Unlimited
AZ Deer Association
AZ Desert Bighorn Sheep Society
AZ Elk Society
AZ Houndsmen's Association
AZ Outdoor Adventures
AZ Outdoor Sports
AZ Predator Callers
Christian Hunters of America
Mohave Sportsman Club
Mule Deer Foundation
Outdoor Experience 4 All
South Eastern AZ Sportsman Club
Southern AZ Quail Forever
Southwest Wildlife Foundation
SRT Outdoors
The BASS Federation
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Valley of the Sun Quail Forever
Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club
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