

July 28, 2021

Daisy 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 40 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 16,000 people from Arizona.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Meadow Valley Public Access Project, located on the Sierra Vista Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest. Maintaining and improving for outdoor recreationists on our Arizona public lands is a top priority for our organization and membership.

AZSFWC and 28 of our member organizations (list attached) strongly support the proposed action outlined in the EA. Restoring permanent, legal motorized access to this area will have significant benefits to hunters, wildlife watchers, and other outdoor recreationists.

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

Yours in Conservation,

Jim Unmacht Executive Director



## 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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