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County Administrator

December 8, 2010

Sherry Barrett, Supervisor
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
201 N. Bonita Avenue Suite 141
Tucson, Arizona 85745

Re: **Section 10 Permit Application**

Dear Ms. Barrett:

On December 12, 2000, Pima County and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (the Service) entered into an agreement to develop a conservation plan that would comply with federal requirements under the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

After 11 years of planning, Pima County submits its Section 10(a) Permit application package to the Service pursuant to my authority in the Pima County Code. We understand the application process will receive review along with the Multi-species Conservation Plan (MSCP) and ultimately public review of both the MSCP and the accompanying Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These comments will result in development of an implementing agreement. The Section 10 Permit application materials in the attached submittal include a Section 10(a) application, the Administrative Draft of the MSCP and appendices, and an EIS.

A preliminary draft of the Implementing Agreement is included in the MSCP appendices. Only the Board of Supervisors can commit the County to any conditions or requirements that may be contained in the implementing agreement.

We understand the Service will review these documents over the next few months. While the Service does not make the application materials available for public comment, the County will provide the application materials for public review and comment, except for the EIS, which was prepared under federal auspices.

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We have attached five copies of the complete application. We understand four are for internal Service use and review, and one will be distributed to the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

If you have any concerns regarding our Section 10(a) application, please contact Julia Fonseca, Environmental Planning Manager, at 520.740.6460 or Julia.Fonseca@pima.gov.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Service throughout the review process and public comment period.

Sincerely,



C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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Attachments

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Julia Fonseca, Pima County Environmental Planning Manager
Linda Mayro, Pima County Cultural Resources Manager