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Mr. Chuck Huckelberry
Pima County Administrator
130 W. Congress, 10th Floor
Tucson, Arizona 85701

RE: Pima County Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan, Draft V

Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

Throughout the past decade, the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection has consistently and vigilantly worked with Pima County and community stakeholders on developing the Pima County's Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSCP) and its supporting reports and documents. We commend the County for undertaking such a bold and comprehensive conservation effort and look forward to providing even more input as the MSCP continues through its final stages. Coalition members are still reviewing sections of the latest draft. As such, we are submitting to you today an outline of our concerns; we will submit our detailed comments to you by Monday, March 9th.

Our comments will address the following topics:

- MSCP development
- Species loss and threat analysis
- Wildlife linkages
- Conservation easements
- Monitoring
- Leased State Lands and Grazing
- Climate Change
- Funding
- Specific species concerns
- Off-site mitigation

I will have detailed recommendations to you in the next few days. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Campbell
Executive Director

cc: RECON Consulting
Ms. Sherry Barrett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ms. Maeveen Behan, Pima County Office of Conservation Science