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March 22, 2016

Honorable David Gowan
House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
Room 223
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Representative Gowan,

Thank you for your service to the great State of Arizona.

We also love our state, and are thankful for some of the most diverse natural resources and beautiful landscapes in the entire nation.

We are members of the Eastern Arizona Counties Organization (ECO), and we work collaboratively with Federal and State government and business entities to implement ten natural resources-based programs, including: Forest Restoration, Threatened and Endangered Species, Watershed Restoration, Infrastructures, Recreation, Energy, Natural Resources Planning, Public Lands, Water, and Emerging Issues.

We work very hard to protect our forests from catastrophic wild fires, restore our watersheds, maintain access to our public lands, defend our power plants, control our endangered species, etc. and generally support our logging, mining, ranching, and recreation economy, and maintain opportunities for natural resources-based economic development in our state.

We have a great list of accomplishments and successes supporting these important issues, and I have attached a copy of our ECO 2015 Executive Summary for your review.

As you work on the State budget I would ask for your continued support of ECO. The governor has also seen the importance of ECO and included us in his baseline budget.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns as you go through the budget process.

Thank you,

Patrick G. Call
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Attachments: Executive Summary

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