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Lisa A. Atkins
Commissioner
Arizona State Land Department
1616 W. Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Ladd Family Ranches and Army Corps of Engineers and use of private land to access Border Patrol sites

Ms. Atkins,

In Cochise County many of our citizens are property owners along our international border with Mexico. Throughout the years they have been supportive of the mission of the Department of Homeland Security, specifically the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency. Property owners have allowed continuous access to their private land for these types of missions and are grateful for the services provided to them to ensure their safety and security.

This working relationship has been beneficial to both these property owners and our federal agencies and we do not see a reason for the Army Corps of Engineers to change this relationship by formalizing the way that the federal agencies have access to their sites through private land.

At this time, we are requesting that no changes be made by any agency to formalize the access they currently have through private land to their sites.

We feel it is important to move forward with the current informal agreement for a positive relationship between federal agencies and private land owners in Cochise County.

Sincerely,

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