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# United States Senate

March 13, 2006

Ms. Elaine Zielinski  
Bureau of Land Management  
1 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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Dear Ms. Zielinski:

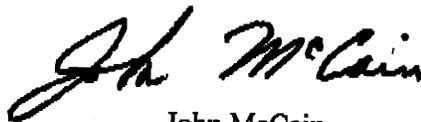
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I wish to bring to your attention a matter concerning my constituent, Ex. 6 who would like to know if BLM land next to his residence is being sold. Please investigate my constituent's claim, within the existing rules, regulations and ethical guidelines, and provide me with a copy of the final decision. MARK ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Attn: Carlos Sierra  
Office of Senator John McCain  
5353 N. 16th Street  
Suite 105  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

The response you provide will be most appreciated and will be forwarded to my constituent. If you should have any questions in the meantime, you can reach my office at (602) 952-2410. I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



John McCain  
United States Senator

JM/xcs

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March 7, 2006

Mr. Carlos Sierra, Staff Asst.  
5353 North 16th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Re: Federal Property to be sold et al per Pres. Bush  
Dear Mr. Sierra:

I am interested in the information , per television and newspaper, regarding the 1000+ acres of Federal land that President Bush has designated to be sold and the proceeds to be given to a "program" in Arizona. I hoped you would be able to enlighten me as to the counties involved.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Respectfully

Ex. 6





# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Arizona State Office  
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In Reply Refer To:  
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The Honorable John McCain  
United States Senator  
Attn: Carlos Sierra  
5353 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 105  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Dear Senator McCain:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of **Ex. 6** who has concerns about Federal land sales in proximity to his residence. **Ex. 6** indirectly cites an article in the March 6, 2006, edition of the High Country News that pertains to Federal land sales.

The High Country News article refers to 1,030 acres of Federal land in Arizona that has been "tagged" for sale. However, our interpretation of that article is that these potential land sale acres are currently being administered by the US Forest Service (USFS), and not the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). We are unable to comment on the land sale plans of the USFS. However, we are not aware of any land in the proximity of **Ex. 6** residence that is now under the jurisdiction of the USFS.

The Phoenix District Office has had several conversations with **Ex. 6** over the last two years concerning the lands that are adjacent to the north of his residence. The lands in question are identified as T. 1 N., R. 2 W., Section 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona. These lands were part of a larger package of public lands that were withdrawn from the public land laws by Public Land Order (PLO) 1015. This PLO transferred all jurisdictions of these lands to the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) in October of 1954 for the Gila River Waterfowl Project. Because of this withdrawal, the USFWS is prohibited from disposing of these lands by sale or exchange. Unless the USFWS relinquishes the withdrawal or Congress or the President directs the BLM otherwise, these lands are not available for disposal.

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If you have any further questions, please contact Ex. 6 Lower Sonoran Field Manager,  
at (623) 580-5617.

Sincerely,

**ELAINE Y. ZIELINSKI**

Elaine Y. Zielinski  
State Director

cc: Your Washington Office

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Ex. 6:djg:03/22/06