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United States Senate

April 17, 2006

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Ms. Elaine Zielinski
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Dear Ms. Zielinski:

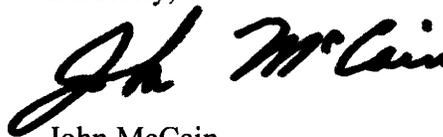
Refer to: Patrick Otto

I wish to bring to your attention a matter concerning my constituent, Patrick Otto, who has encountered a problem with the Colorado River Shooting Range. 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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An Arizona Shooting Sports Organization
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March 17, 2006

Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
2400 East Arizona Biltmore Circle, Suite 1150
Phoenix, AZ 85016

RE: Colorado River Shooting Range project.
AZA 31733 (AZ-931)

When this shooting range project began in 1998 there was an expectation that it would take two years. We are currently going on seven years. This project has been moved from one field office to another, there have been numerous public meetings, there have been mediations and meetings with tribal nations and a compilation of information, time and monies that would exceed ones imagination.

It has now come to a consensus that there is enough information available for the Kingman Field Manager and Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Director, to formulate an opinion as to move forward with the patent to Arizona Game and Fish for shooting range development or seek arbitration. The time and monies spent on this project should be an embarrassment to the Bureau of Land Management.

In response to Senator Kyl inquiry (ltr. dtd: March 7, 2002) United States Bureau of Land Management stated, "BLM is committed to doing everything possible to find a more suitable site that would be farther away from State Land and residential property. We agree that this project has taken longer than expected." "This project remains a high priority for processing and our goal is to keep all interested parties informed and involved until we can find a suitable site." Denise Meridith (State Director)

Here it is March 1st, 2006 and we are no closer than in 2002. All interested parties have complied with the policies and procedures required by BLM. We have participated with the U.S. Institute for Environmental Studies (a one year process) with no resolution.

We are now at a point where the alternative site has historical artifacts that cannot be mitigated. Therefore, the initial primary site of Boundary Cone (Site chosen in 2002) is the area selected for development.

Again, Bureau of Land Management Kingman (Field Manager) has substantial information and research to make a final timely decision, for or against, on this site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick D. Otto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick D. Otto
President

Tri-State Shooting Recreation Center, Inc.



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The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
Attention: Carlos Sierra
5353 North 16th Street, Suite 105
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Dear Senator McCain:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on the Tri-State Shooting Range. We are currently updating the Environmental Assessment (EA) to include the Willow Road alternative site. While the Cultural Resources Survey of the Willow Road site documented historical and archaeological artifacts, the report does not preclude mitigation and does not disqualify the site.

In early May 2006, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kingman Field Office (KFO) will have separate meetings with the Fort Mojave Tribe and Tri-State Shooting Recreation Center, Inc., regarding the contents of the EA and to review the schedule. The Arizona Game and Fish Department was briefed on April 11, 2006.

In early June 2006, the proposed Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment will be issued. A Federal Register Notice will be published, combining a Notice of Availability of the proposed Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment with a Notice of Realty Action (suitability of both alternative sites to be classified for disposal under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act). The Federal Register Notice will describe the 30-day protest period for the plan amendment and classification and a 60-day Governor's consistency review for the plan amendment. In August 2006, a decision will be made on the selection of an alternative (assuming no protest is received on the plan amendment or the classification). The decision carries a 30-day appeal period.

The BLM KFO continues to work with the Fort Mojave and Hualapai Tribes, Arizona State Land Department, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Tri-State Shooting Recreation Center, Inc., and the BLM Lake Havasu Field Office to examine the two locations and the No Action Alternative analyzed in the EA. We anticipate the information shared with all parties will lead to a decision concerning the shooting range by late summer 2006.

Approved 4/27/06

W. Kingman 4/27/06

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Y. Hualapai 5-1-06

By Action 5/2/06

If you have further questions or would like additional information, please contact Wayne King, Kingman Field Manager, at (928) 718-3700.

Sincerely,

/ s / Bonnie Hogan / /

Elaine Y. Zielinski
State Director

cc: Your Washington Office

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