



Sonoran Audubon Society

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Ms. Kathy Pedrick
Resource Manager
BLM Phoenix Field Office
21605 N. 7th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ. 85027

Dear Ms. Pedrick;

The Sonoran Audubon Society strongly supports any efforts by the BLM to purchase or otherwise protect the private land in holdings within the Agua Fria National Monument known as Horse Shoe Ranch. The Sonoran Audubon Society also supports any additional efforts by the BLM to secure additional private land in holdings within the Agua Fria National Monument (AFNM).

Over the past year our Chapter of the National Audubon Society has conducted numerous bird inventories within the AFNM. With every inventory we find additional bird species. The potentials to restore the riparian vegetative communities along the Agua Fria River and adding even more species are tremendous. Acquisition or protection of any lands along the riparian corridors within the AFNM would be extremely helpful.

Thank you for your efforts towards this end.

Sincerely,

Charles Kangas
President, Sonoran Audubon Society

CC: Jim Peterson