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Diana Wood
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395 E. Street SW
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Re: Draft Environmental Assessment
Arizona Eastern Railway
Date February 25, 2008

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) has received and reviewed the above referenced Draft EA. The Department has two comments to make in reference to the draft.

1. On page 3-37 you reference surveys conducted within the project area, but you do not reference the protocol used in those surveys. It is important for us to understand which protocols were used before we could concur with you findings.
2. On page 6-8 you refer to "...all measures required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service...". We would like to be informed of those measures, and kept apprized of the progress made in meeting those requirements.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide and evaluation of impacts to wildlife or wildlife habitats associated with the project activities. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (623) 236-7513.

Sincerely,

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