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Mr. Sidney C. Slone
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Dear Mr. Slone,

It has come to the attention of my office that conservation groups in Arizona have questions and concerns regarding the Draft Environmental Assessment detailing impacts of the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge Sonoran Pronghorn Supplemental Water and Forage Project.

In your communication with some of the involved conservation groups, you had stated that you would be sharing your "Record of Decision" prior to signing it. The issue of pronghorn recovery, particularly in the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, is a complex problem involving endangered species and wilderness policy and final solutions need to be weighed carefully. I believe it's in the best interests of all parties to ensure that all public questions and concerns are thoroughly heard and addressed and sharing the "Record of Decision" with involved parties prior to finalization will go a long way to ensuring a more satisfactory management plan.

I support your efforts to share your "Record of Decision" prior to finalizing this process. In addition, I, respectfully, request that you provide me with a copy of the documentation and a timeline of when I can expect to receive the mentioned documents.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Brandon Bragato of my office at (202) 225-2435 or via email at Brandon.Bragato@mailhouse.gov.

Sincerely,

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