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Hon. Jim Kolbe
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RE: **FISH BARRIERS: Eliminating Funding for Project In 1998-99 Budget Year**

Dear Representative Kolbe:

We are disappointed to learn that despite legislation eliminating funding for this project in the current fiscal year and a lawsuit pending in the courts, Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Reclamation are still proceeding with plans to construct fish barriers on Aravaipa Creek. In fact, according to a BIA spokeswoman at San Carlos, BOR has obtained permission from 58% of the owners of Indian trust land for entry and exploration to determine if the site is a suitable area for the barriers.

APOA contends that barriers at this or any other site will have all the negative impact discussed in previous letters and materials sent to your office. **Additionally, it has not been determined that the barriers are actually necessary or that they would be effective.**

APOA wants your office to know that we strongly support legislation that will specifically (1) cut off the funding for the project and (2) order the BOR to cease all activity related to the fish barriers.

Thank you again for the help and assistance you have given us.

Sincerely,

Jerry Iser
President

cc: Sen. John McCain
Sen. John Kyl,
Rep. Jay Hayworth
Supervisor Lionel Ruiz, Pinal County