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Dear Director Buschatzke,

My wife and two young daughters and I farm in the northern part of the Sulpher Springs Valley. I am actively supporting petitions for an INA in the Willcox basin along with my brother, Brent, and others.

Today, I attended the hearing in Bowie. Many folks spoke against the INA in that basin, but one voice was glaringly absent – the voice of Conservation. It was obvious to everyone there, if you speak up for water conservation you will be demonized and personally attacked. This is wrong, very wrong.

I urge you, Sir, to please designate INA's in both basins, now. In San Simon and Willcox. This will allow time to deliberate by all parties and it will stop the "gold rush" mentality actively occuring.

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The executive branch must stand up and lead at this critical juncture. You have so aptly stated in the mission statement of ADWR, "ADWR is the steward of Arizona's water future and ensures long-term, reliable water supplies to support the continued prosperity of the state."

I am a conservationist, steward, and father, another conservationist wisely said, "It is time for us now as a nation to exercise the same reasonable foresight in dealing with our great natural resources that would be shown by any prudent man in conserving and widely using the property which contains the assurance of well-being for himself and his children."

May 13, 1908
Theodore Roosevelt
Conference of the Conservation of National Resources, The White House.

Respectfully in your service,
Ted R. Haas