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Ms. Natalie Mast
AMA Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources
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Re: Active Management Area (AMA) of the Douglas Basin, Cochise County, Arizona

Dear Ms. Mast,

Per your instructions at the Douglas AMA Management Goal Workshop, I am requesting the following to be included in the AMA management goals:

Precepts:

1. The AMA was voted into existence by the citizens of the Douglas Basin, therefore it is our right to create, craft and change the structure as we see fit. It is ours!
First AMA in 50 years, the laws surrounding the AMA will need to be modified to better reflect the needs of the "Basin"
2. The Douglas Basin is very polarized Community. Interested Parties need to be identified.
3. The use of water should not be solely based on the amount invested. The process of water use approval will be a public and if necessary will be put up to an approval vote of the citizens of the Basin. Approval process for non-exempt wells should be conducted in public forum using open meeting laws as guidance. Water use and fees should not be based on the amount of investment.
4. This AMA is not just about irrigation water use.

Study:

Douglas Basin Environmental Study Project (DBES): The development of the study to include but not limited to the following:

- A. Develop a 3-D computer model of the entire basin (including the part of the basin that is located in Mexico) at 100' elevation intervals, from bedrock to surface ground.
- B. Develop informational layers including but not limited to, surface ground water drainage map (White Water Draw), Property ownership map, Well location map (Existing and Future), Bird and Animal territory map, Pollution map (Including Mining, pesticides and herbicide use), existing irrigation uses and current water use, Land use (current & future), Municipal water use, New Commercial Port of Entry and Phelps Dodge Smelter Site.
- C. Develop an interactive web site:

Water allotment Framework:TBD

Implication:TBD

Compliance:TBD

Evaluation / Project Refinement:TBD

These items will help to ensure the Douglas Basin and the surrounding areas will develop in a healthy and prosperous way. Thank you for considering these proposals.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helffrich". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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