



For America's Heritage

Public Lands Foundation

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BLM Phoenix District Office
Attn: Cross Y/Amanda James
21605 North 7th Avenue
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Dear Ms. James:

The Arizona Chapter of the Public Lands Foundation (PLF) supports the BLM's efforts to acquire the Cross Y Ranch, which includes two 40-acre inholding parcels located on Black Mesa, a phased acquisition of 621-acres of inholdings near the southern portion of the Agua Fria National Monument, and two sections of edge holdings of land adjacent to the southern boundary of the Monument.

The PLF is a national non-profit membership organization incorporated in 1987 that advocates and works for the retention of America's Public Lands in the public's hands; professionally and sustainably managed for responsible use by and enjoyment of American citizens. PLF endorses and embraces the multiple use mission of the BLM as prescribed by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). Our members are predominantly retired employees of BLM and as such have spent a career dedicated to the sound management of these valuable lands and resources.

With the establishment of the Monument in 2000, the President recognized the value of one of the most significant systems of late prehistoric sites in the American Southwest, other historic sites and objects of scientific interest, and a diversity of vegetative and wildlife species.

These acquisitions will help protect these important resources. They will include substantial water rights, nearly one mile of the Agua Fria River, more than two miles of Squaw Creek, and wildlife migratory corridors. The acquisitions also will provide improved public access to portions of the Monument that currently are difficult to reach.

We encourage you to continue to pursue acquisition of these parcels and to manage them in accordance with the mandates of the Agua Fria National Monument Proclamation, land use plan and record of decision.

Sincerely,

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