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February 20, 2007

Mr. Jon Fugate  
Legislative Affairs  
Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 6500  
Yuma, AZ 85366

Dear Jon:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the discrepancies in the current acreage and boundaries of the Eagletail Mountain Wilderness Area, et. al. I am always glad to have the opportunity to be of assistance.

I have contacted the Bureau of Land Management in Washington, DC, about this matter on your behalf. I have asked for a prompt response to be sent directly to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

John McCain  
United States Senator

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Ms. Nancy Smith  
Legislative Affairs Group Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
US Department of the Interior  
Mail Stop 401-LS, 1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter raised to me by Mr. Jon Fugate of the Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club (YVRGC) that appears to be in the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

When matters such as this are raised by a petitioner, it is my policy to refer them to the appropriate federal department or agency, regardless of whether the petitioner has any personal or political relationship with me. It is also my policy that I ask for no preferential treatment for this petitioner or any single or select group of interests, nor do I advocate a specific outcome for this or any other petitioner.

I ask that this matter be handled in strict accordance with existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines. My sole interest is to ensure that this petitioner is treated fairly and equitably and in a manner that reflects appropriate and prompt service to citizen taxpayers.

The YVRGC has questions regarding the boundaries and acreage of several BLM-managed wilderness areas in Arizona. In particular, the YVRGC has noted a difference between the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-628) which assigned 89,000 acres of federal land to the Eagletail Mountain Wilderness area, and the BLM's 2006 Draft Resource Management Plan that assumes 98,600 acres for the same wilderness area. Additional research by the YVRGC suggests that other Arizona wilderness areas also differ in what Congress established under P.L. 101-628 and what appears in BLM management documents.

I am enclosing correspondence from Mr. Fugate regarding this matter. I would appreciate a timely response to this petitioner addressing his concerns with a copy sent to me for my information. PLEASE MARK ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Attn: NICK MATIELLA in my Washington office,  
241 Russell Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D.C. 20510.

Let me reiterate that I am not advocating a specific result in this matter, and I trust that whatever decision or course of action you may take will be made in the best interests of the country. Again, I seek no preferential treatment for the Yuma Valley Rod-&Gun-Club and request only that they be treated appropriately, fairly, and in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

John McCain  
United States Senator

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