



## Statement of Support for Designating the Upper Verde a Wild and Scenic River

The Verde River is an extraordinary ribbon of life through the heart of Arizona. The Upper Verde – extending from east of Paulden to the town of Clarkdale – is one of the most clean, healthy, economically important, and culturally significant free-flowing rivers remaining in Arizona.

The Upper Verde River provides:

- Important habitat for fish, wildlife, and birds
- A wide range of recreation opportunities including hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming, birding, paddling, horseback riding, and a scenic railway
- Stunning geology and scenery
- Clean water for downstream users - farms and ranches, cities, and Indigenous communities

Our business deeply values the Verde River and the community values that depend on it. I support keeping the Upper Verde River free-flowing for my family, future generations, wildlife, and the vitality of Arizona's economy.

Sincerely,

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Position: Treasurer

Business Name: YAVAPAI County

Location: Arizona

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