



Town of Camp Verde

Gateway to the Verde Valley

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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Statement of Support-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

We deeply value the Verde River and the community values that depend on it. We support keeping the Upper Verde River free-flowing for families, future generations, wildlife, and the vitality of Arizona's economy.

Sincerely,


Dee Jenkins
Mayor



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RESOLUTION 2023-1101

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA,
SUPPORTING THE UPPER VERDE RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.**

WHEREAS, The Upper Verde River and its tributaries, located between the Verde headwaters and the Town of Clarkdale in central Arizona in the Prescott and Coconino National Forests, is an important and unique public resource that provides numerous benefits to the human and natural communities; and

WHEREAS, Central Arizona is one of the most rapidly growing areas in the United States, and increasing urbanization pressures threaten the natural wild character and environment that makes the area special and valuable; and

WHEREAS, the protection of The Upper Verde River and its tributaries as a National Wild and Scenic River will help to protect and restore the Yavapai Apache Nation's ancestral lands and cultural history in the watershed. Additionally, this will expand recreational opportunities for camping, birding, boating, fishing, horseback riding, hiking and other recreational activities.

WHEREAS, Fish experts agree The Upper Verde River and its tributaries are one of the best native fish refuges in the Southwest.

WHEREAS, Arizona tourism contributes tens of billions of dollars a year to the State's economy, with wildlife viewing and associated activities contributing billions of dollars annually and creating numerous jobs in Arizona; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde hereby requests the United States Congress pass legislation to designate the Upper Verde and its critical tributaries as a "Wild and Scenic River" this year in order to permanently protect this unique special place for present and future generations. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the United States Arizona Congressional Legislators and select key Legislators at the appropriate time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona on 18th day of January 2023.

Dee Jenkins, Mayor

Date: 01/25/2023

Attest:

Cindy Pemberton, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:

Trish Stuhan

Town Attorney