



Remembering Our Sacred Place in Nature

November 1st, 2024

RE: Statement of Support for Designating the Upper Verde a National Wild & Scenic River

We, **The Mother Earth Restoration Trust** (The MERT, a 501c3), as safe keepers of the historic and bio-culturally diverse 43-acre jewel which lies in the heart of the Upper Verde Watershed in Paulden, AZ, for the purpose of preserving in their purity and innocence, 7 sacred flowing surface Springs that are one of the few Headwaters remaining that presently help birth the Verde River into Her existence, hereby state our support in UNITY with many others for the Upper Verde River and Her tributaries to receive a National Wild & Scenic River designation.

The Verde River, a primordial Mother to all Life since Her conception at the very Origin, has sustained and nourished all of Nature, including humans, from time immemorial. She was here long before any humans existed unwaveringly, unconditionally and with constancy, upholding inexorable Laws of Nature that embody Life-Originating Principles of complementarity and reciprocity; thus, fulfilling Her sacred responsibility to continue flowing with the purpose of caring for ALL the Children (Nature and Humans) of the Mother Earth.

The Verde River is a Life-Sustaining Element for all of Nature and if She ceases to exist, then All Life ceases to exist. She is now claiming for Her very own Life, so that ALL Life may thrive. She has Her own determined Life-Originating path, meant to flow naturally, with purity, unimpeded and free from being altered in any way; a mandate given to Her from the Origin to preserve balance here on this planet.

The Verde River is calling us (Humanity) to remember the sacred responsibilities that we were also given from the very Origin; to support, protect, preserve and honor Her and all of Nature in reciprocity for being sustained alive. Doing so, will bring vitality back to Her, while ensuring the well-being of future generations.

The MERT, in solidarity with the Verde River as a living, breathing Feminine BEING who perpetuates Life, strongly advocates for a National Wild & Scenic River designation for the Upper Verde River. May this be one of many coherent actions that we, the Human family, take in UNITY of remembrance to help rescue and restore Her Life, which ultimately is our restoration, being peoples of the Earth, who depend on the Water, exist because of Her and exist in gratitude to Her.

On Behest of the Verde River and In the Spirit of Unity,

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