



Range Improvement Task Force

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To Whom It May Concern:

New Mexico State University-Range Improvement Task Force is pleased to support and partner with Catron County in the proposed "San Francisco Watershed Restoration Project", under the Arizona Water Settlement Act.

The Range Improvement Task Force is a multidisciplinary group of scientists dedicated to the goals and objectives of this project and will assist in the planning, design, implementation and monitoring of the restoration efforts. We consider this a long-term investment in maintaining and improving the health of the watershed and improved efficiency of water use, which will benefit Catron County, downstream communities, and the environment. This project will provide a valuable opportunity to monitor the effects of watershed restoration in the Southwest.

The project is relevant to the restoration of the San Francisco Watershed following the Whitewater-Baldy Complex Fire and meeting Catron County water management objectives relative to the goals of the Arizona Water Settlement Act. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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