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To: Interested Stakeholders  
From: AZ Water Protection Fund – Commission  
Date: August 18, 2014  
Subject: Request for Comments: Regarding 2015 Grant Program

The Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) is a competitive state grant program that provides money to interested parties for maintaining, enhancing and restoring river and riparian resources throughout Arizona, including projects that benefit fish and wildlife that are dependent on these important resources. The distribution of grant funds from the AWPF is authorized pursuant to A.R.S. § 45-2101 et seq. and is overseen by the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission (Commission). The program is administered through the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR).

The Commission recently closed out the FY2014 Grant Cycle by awarding grant funds to a variety of projects around the state which will advance the stated mission of the Fund. In preparation for the upcoming FY2015 Grant Cycle the Commission would like to review the current application process and funding priorities. Therefore, we are soliciting comments from landowners, state agencies, local government entities, non-profit organizations, agricultural producers, and the general public about the current AWPF grant process.

Specifically we would like to have comments related to:

- Application structure and process, and suggestions to streamline and simply the application;
- Geographic areas in the state where protection and restoration should be prioritized (e.g., particular watershed areas or streams, categories of streams such as headwater areas ;
- Issues of concern that the Fund should focus on across the state or in specific areas;
- Types of measures to address issues of concern, and relevant and most recent science and experience related to designing and implementing effective protection and restoration projects;
- Published technical articles and experience with applied conservation/restoration practices and success with upper watershed and forest treatment projects that provide water quality and quantity benefits.

For the most recent version of the WPF application, past grant award reporting, and other detailed information pertaining to the program please go to [www.azwpcf.gov](http://www.azwpcf.gov).

Please send your comments electronically or in writing by October 31, 2014 to:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stefanie Smallhouse, Executive Director for the AWPf, at (602) 771-8525 or at the email address indicated above. We look forward to hearing from you during this review process and thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Paradzick", followed by a small blue ink mark.

Charles Paradzick, Chairman  
AZ Water Protection Fund Commission