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Re: Designation of adequate water supply for the Tribute Development in Sierra Vista, AZ.

If the Sierra Vista, AZ Tribute development goes through it will mean well over 10,000 new citizens sucking precious water from an already overdrawn aquifer. This could result in the closure or reduction in force of our economic engine, Fort Huachuca, because it is directly tied to the life of the San Pedro River. If that happens it would devastate our community.

The SPRNCA is not only protected by congressional mandate, it consists of two Spanish Land Grants that have been recognized by the US Courts. They date back well before Arizona even became a Territory and I assume that the water rights for that area should predate any other claims, written or otherwise.

It is ridiculous to talk about lowering the water table 1200 feet over 100 years when it is estimated that if the aquifer is lowered by only 20 feet the river goes away.

The riparian area is a tourist draw bringing in several millions of dollars per year to the local economy, it is also on a major bird migratory flyway, so the loss of the river could have horrendous implications on bug populations, pollination, rodent control, etc. throughout western North America. Not only is this important to the US but the aquifer reaches into Mexico so it is also an international problem.

Please do not designate an "adequate water supply" for this development.

Thank you,

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