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Dear Adopt-a-Ranch Volunteers:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) would like to thank each and every Adopt-a-Ranch volunteer for making 2004 another successful year. During the past year, nearly one thousand volunteers worked on 35 ranches statewide. Due to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, the Adopt-a-Ranch Program has become one of the Department's most effective tools for mitigating access problems and improving relations between landowners and the public. Through the Adopt-a-Ranch Program, your combined efforts are helping to ensure public access to more than two million acres statewide.

Realizing how volunteering benefits recreational users, wildlife and the land, an increasing number of individuals are regularly contacting the Department to see how they can help. Many of these volunteers are not members of other organized groups. To help handle this, the Department recently created a Volunteer Coordinator position. This could lead to an increase in the number of volunteers available to help with your projects. If you would like to receive additional help on your project, please schedule your project as far in advance as possible. The Access Program will ask the Volunteer Coordinator to solicit for volunteers for any projects requesting additional volunteer support. If you prefer to have your Adopt-a-Ranch project as strictly a club event, let me know and I will not send your information to the Volunteer Coordinator.

Thank you again for making the Adopt-a-Ranch Program so successful. If you have any ideas how the Department may be able to provide more support to our valued volunteers, or if I can be of any assistance in coordinating your next project, please contact me at 602-789-3492 or via e-mail at tchristensen@azgfd.gov.

Sincerely,

Troy D. Christensen
Access Program Coordinator

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