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TO: Larry D. Voyles, Director

FROM: Ty Gray, Assistant Director
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PRESENTER: Jay Cook, Shooting Ranges Branch Chief

TITLE: Request for the Commission to Approve an Agreement with the White Mountain Bow Hunters Association for the Management and Operation of an Archery Range on a Portion of the Commission-Owned Silver Creek Wildlife Area, Navajo County, Arizona.

DESCRIPTION: The Commission will be asked to vote to approve an Agreement with the White Mountain Bow Hunters Association for the management and operation of an archery range on a portion of the Commission-owned Silver Creek Wildlife Area, Navajo County, Arizona. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

DATE: April 09, 2010

Summary:

In 2006, the Department was approached by the White Mountain Bow Hunters Association to use approximately 20 acres in the southwest corner of the Commission owned Silver Creek Wildlife Area for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an archery range. The Club's previous range, located near Show Low, had been sold for development. The Department considers the archery range to be supportive of our mission to promote safe hunting and shooting practices, provide the public with safe shooting areas, and encourage hunters to be become more proficient with hunting equipment.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE MOUNTAIN BOW HUNTERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF AN ARCHERY RANGE ON A PORTION OF THE COMMISSION-OWNED SILVER CREEK WILDLIFE AREA, NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA, AND TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS ATTACHED OR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

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Attachment: Agreement Arizona Game and Fish Commission and White Mountain Bow Hunters Association