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Mr. Laddie Shores, Director Boards and Commissions

Re: Arizona Game and Fish Commission, Leland (Bill) Brake

Dear Mr. Shores:

I am writing to strongly recommend that Bill Brake be appointed to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. I have known Bill for over 20 years. Most recently, I worked with Bill as a member of the Arizona Bureau of Land Management's Resource Advisory Council (AZ BLM RAC). Bill has served as Chair of the AZ BLM RAC for several years.

As the Chair of the AZ BLM RAC, Bill consistently did an excellent job in preparing and distributing meeting agendas well in advance, and conducted meetings in a productive and efficient fashion. As a public and private land manager, Bill aptly speaks intelligently on a variety of natural resource issues including, but not limited to, rangeland and wildlife management, fisheries, threatened and endangered species, hunting, recreation, and NEPA. I observed Bill to be consistently fair and open minded, giving his fellow RAC members and members of the general public the opportunity for their voices to be heard.

Bill is recognized as a strong leader as evidenced by his leadership positions in the fields of ranching (e.g., served as President of both the Arizona Cattle Growers and the Gila County Cattle Growers Association) and natural resource management on public lands (currently serves as Chair of the AZ BLM RAC). These elected leadership positions in the fields of natural and agricultural resources provide strong evidence that Bill is a well-respected among his peers.

I strongly recommend Bill Brake to be appointed to the Arizona Game and Fish Commission. He has the acumen and bandwidth to make science-based recommendations for the benefit of wildlife and society. If you should have questions please do not hesitate to confer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry D. Howery". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

Larry D. Howery, Ph.D.

President, Society for Range Management