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**RE: HRWA Bison Management Improvements Project**

Ms. Kline:

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the proposed Bison Management Improvements Project on the House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA) by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD).

CSF has long been a supporter of AZGFD efforts to effectively manage bison throughout the Kaibab Plateau.

The implementation of this project will grant the AZGFD the necessary flexibility, and provide the essential infrastructure, to fulfill the desired management actions associated with the House Rock bison herd. Additionally, the implementation of the project advances goals outlined in the Kaibab National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan by helping to confine the House Rock bison herd to the HRWA. Furthermore, within the Kaibab National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan, hunting is specified as a bison herd management approach, as well as the opportunity to hunt bison as a desired condition of the HRWA.

CSF supports the Forest Service's analysis and application of the categorical exclusion to proceed with the proposed action.

Thank you for your consideration.

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