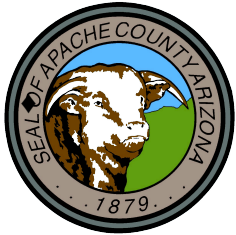


**Attachment 8. Request from Apache County to
participate as comment co-submitter**



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On past actions involving Jaguar listing proposals and management proposals, Apache County has submitted substantive commentary into the Project Record. As elected officials, we are bound by oath to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and cultural and historic uses of the lands within our confines. This duty is of the utmost import, hence the purpose of this letter.

PNRCD, amongst others, has done a thorough, concise and necessary commentary submission to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Draft Jaguar Recovery Plan, dated December 20, 2016. Being a county comprised of citizens who are heavily impacted by spurious federal land management agency proposals, and having many of those same residents whose work extends into the proposed management areas, we must still remain engaged. Due to the quality of the PNRCD led work, and the increased benefit to our residents of a teamwork approach to analysis and commentary to improve the quality of the submission, I ask that we be included in the commentary being submitted by the entire team.

Sincerely,
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