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R. J. Cardin, Director
Maricopa County
Parks and Recreation Department
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Morristown. AZ 85342

Dear Mr. Cardin:

On April 16, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a letter from you, requesting the BLM to review a proposed action of having the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) manage the Joe Foss Shooting Complex (Complex) within the Buckeye Hills Regional Park. These lands are patented (02-72-0048, 02-70-0043, 02-73-0042, 02-73-0057) to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (Supervisors) under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act of 1926, as amended.

The BLM has reviewed the proposed action of having MCSO manage the Complex and determined that with Supervisors approval, that action would be consistent with the R&PP Act.

It is our understanding that your Department intends on updating the Buckeye Hills Regional Park Master Plan in 2025 to reflect the proposed action and with the intent of developing new public recreation facilities. The BLM welcomes the opportunity to comment and to be a stakeholder for the updated plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Sirita Benally, Assistant Field Manager, by phone at 480-620-4345, or by email at sbenally@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Leon Thomas
District Manager