RESOLUTION 93-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE'S OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RULE OF THE U.S. FISH AND WILD-LIFE SERVICE TO DESIGNATE THE VERDE RIVER AS A CRITICAL HABITAT OF THE RAZORBACK SUCKER

WHEREAS, the Verde River flows through a portion of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the Verde River is extremely important to the recreational and economic quality of life in the Town of Camp Verde and its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Razorback Sucker was attempted to be re-introduced into the Verde River and such re-introduction proved unsuccessful and whereas this past history has shown the Verde River to be a poor habitat for the Razorback Sucker, and

WHEREAS, the benefits of excluding the Verde River as a critical habitat of the Razorback Sucker outweigh the benefits, if any, of designation of the Verde River as a critical habitat for the species, and

WHEREAS, exclusion of the Verde River will not result in extinction or threat to this species,

WHEREAS, the proposed rule designates 1824 miles throughout Arizona, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada and California as endangered habitat, and whereas said designation is excessive in scope,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Camp Verde is strongly opposed to designation of the Verde River as a critical habitat for the Razorback Sucker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Camp Verde requests that a public hearing be scheduled within the Verde Valley in either the Town of Camp Verde, City of Cottonwood, or Town of Clarkdale so that public comment from this area adversely affected can be facilitated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Camp Verde requests that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services determine the Verde River not to be a critical habitat of the Razorback Sucker, or in the alternative to exclude the Verde River from said designation, for the reasons set forth herein.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona this 5th day of May, 1993.

Jerry Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dane Bullard, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ronald C. Ramsey, Town Attorney