

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

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March 2, 2004

Mr. Michael R. Gabaldon
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Dear Mr. Gabaldon,

I have had the opportunity to review the letter written to you concerning the Grand Canyon Adaptive Management Program by the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council and the Grand Canyon Trust, and I would like to lend my voice to the issues and concerns raised in that letter. The welfare of the Colorado River ecosystem in the Grand Canyon has been placed in the hands of the Secretary and the Adaptive Management Program, and it is important that the program succeeds. I trust that you and the members of the Adaptive Management Work Group will address any areas where the program is not effectively and efficiently supporting the Secretary in her responsibilities under the Grand Canyon Protection Act, and I ask you to take the necessary actions to ensure that the program is functioning properly.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Pitt