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Mr. Stephen Magnussen  
Secretary's Designee, Adaptive Management Program  
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Dear Mr. Magnussen,

Recent proposed legislation that affects the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) and the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center has just come to my attention. I am concerned about Section 203 of H.R. 4733.RS, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001 (Reported in the Senate) that proposes a cap on the funding of monitoring and research as authorized by section 1807 of the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992. This attempt to limit the budget of the Adaptive Management Program is counter to the wishes of most members of the Adaptive Management Program. The proposed budget cap is also directly in conflict with Adaptive Management Work Group approved budget protocols that state the amount of work needed to be done to meet the Grand Canyon Protection Act should drive the budget requests. Additionally, the Mark Schaefer memorandum of March 31, 2000 clearly stated that the protocol evaluation process should be completed before adjustments in support from power revenues are finalized.

I am also concerned that language in Sec. 203 (b) states that requirements of the Biological Opinion on the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam and activities required by the Programmatic Agreement on Cultural and Historic Properties will be funded within the proposed budget cap. These are issues that we have wrestled with in the Adaptive Management Program, and will continue to discuss and attempt to reach consensus.

Evidently certain stakeholders within the Adaptive Management Program have elected to use methods other than the Adaptive Management Program to achieve their goals. While they are certainly free to do so, it calls into question the whole premise of the Adaptive Management

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process, and we would like to have these issues addressed at the next Adaptive Management Work Group meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Duane L. Shroufe".

Duane L. Shroufe (for)

Director

cc: AMWG members  
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