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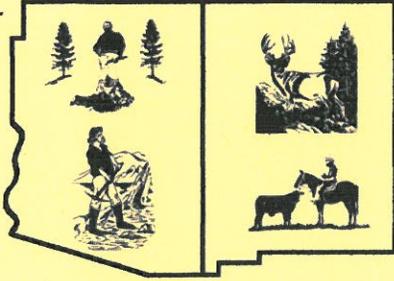
TO: County Members
FROM: Howard Hutchinson, Executive Director
DATE: January 15, 2011
RE: Litigation Funding

At the December, 2010 meeting in Albuquerque the board directed that a request be sent to the member counties to again consider including in their 2011/12 budget a contribution to the legal fund.

The legal fund was set up pursuant to the action of the board at the April 19, 2008 meeting in Payson, Arizona. A contribution was to be requested from time to time in order to build and maintain the fund. This is a voluntary contribution and not a dues increase. This fund will be used to address a number of suits and other potential litigation that will have significant impacts on the member counties of the Coalition. If your county is unable to contribute the full \$5,000, please consider a lesser amount.

Enclosed with this memo are an invoice and an account report. The October 19, 2009, payment to the Pacific Legal Foundation was for the Spikedace and Loach Minnow critical habitat litigation. The \$5,000.00 to New Mexico Cattle Grower's Association on December 2, 2009, was for our intervention in the WildEarth Guardian's suit on the use of categorical exclusions for grazing permit renewals on Forest Service lands and a suit challenging Forest Service grazing permits without considering the impacts on the reintroduction of the Mexican Grey Wolf. The \$2,000.00 on August 28, 2010 was for the Coalition's participation with the New Mexico Cattle Growers in the wolf suits interventions in the Arizona Courts. We have committed \$1,000.00 to the Americans for Preservation of Western Environment and \$5,000.00 for the 10th Circuit appeal of the categorical exclusion suit.

If you have any questions please contact me through the information below or on my cell phone at 505-379-9243.



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INVOICE

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Cochise County Board of Supervisors
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Bisbee, Arizona 85603

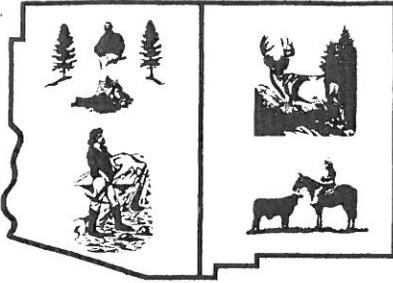
RE: Coalition Legal Fund

Contribution Requested: \$5,000.00

Please make check payable to:
Return by mail to

Coalition of AZ/NM Counties Legal Fund
P.O. Box 4963
Santa Fe, NM 87502

THANK YOU!



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LEGAL FUND REPORT

November 30, 2010

DATE	COUNTY/SOURCE	AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED	
	Initial Deposit From General Fund	\$50.00	
1/16/09			
2/9/09	Otero	\$5,000.00	
2/26/09	Lincoln	\$5,000.00	
3/9/09	McKinley	\$1,000.00	
3/9/09	Gila	\$5,000.00	
3/26/09	Greenlee	\$2,500.00	
8/11/09	Proceeds From Beef Raffle	\$650.00	
9/15/09	Rio Arriba	\$2,500.00	
9/17/09/	Sierra	\$500.00	
10/1/09	Cochise	\$5,000.00	
6/21/10	Sierra	\$5,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$32,200.00	
DATE	EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	CHECK NUMBER
1/28/09	Bank Charge Checks	\$14.35	Elect
4/15/09	Bank Charge Stamp	\$31.03	Elect
10/19/09	Pacific Legal Foundation	\$61.54	101
12/2/09	New Mexico Cattle Growers	\$5,000.00	102
7/28/10	New Mexico Cattle Growers	\$2,000.00	105
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,106.92	
12/2/10	BALANCE	\$25,093.08	