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Mr. Dennis,

My name is Don Carrier and I live in Bristol TN. I represent 3 bird watching clubs in NE TN and SW VA. I am writing you today concerning the Ash Canyon Bed and Breakfast (parcel #104-21-022).

I wanted to take a moment and express how important this location is to birders traveling in your area. For several years now we have traveled to this location to view the magnificent humming birds. For example in 2010, 18 of our members traveled to Arizona. We rented 9 rooms and 7 cars. We ate 3 meals a day in the local restaurants and our stay was 10 days. In addition we hire local guides to take us the best locations in Cochise County. Mary Jo Ballator has always treated us as long lost friends. Her contributions to your community should not be taken lightly. She does not charge visitors and only asks for donations to help with what I am sure is a great expense in maintaining this feeding station. Plans are underway now for our 2011 trip in August and already 11 members have signed up for this foray.

I'm sure that what ever issue exists over the road easement to Mary Jo's place can be resolved. Her place is listed on the Arizona Birding trail literature and hundreds, if not thousands, of birders travel to Cochise County each year.

**In these tough economic times it should not be taken lightly that Mary Jo's efforts convince bird watchers from all over the U.S. to come to the desert in August and spend our money.**

Please present our concerns at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your time.

Don Carrier