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March 25, 2014

Raymond Suazo, State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
One north Central Avenue, Suite 800  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427

Dear Mr. Suazo:

The Cochise County Board of Supervisors is pleased to offer support for the nomination of John Ladd to fill one of the upcoming open positions on the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. Mr. Ladd and his wife are partners with his parents on the family ranch located south of Bisbee, between Naco, AZ and the San Pedro River. The southern boundary of the ranch is the US/Mexico border. The ranch is 14,000 acres and consists of deeded and AZ state grazing lands. Mr. Ladd's great grandparents homesteaded the ranch in 1896. The ranch has been a successful business for 117 years and will continue with the stewardship of Mr. Ladd's sons for generations to come.

Mr. Ladd is a charter member of the U.S. Border Patrol Advisory Committee, a member of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association and the AZ Cattle Growers Association Border Committee, and an advisor for the Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District. Mr. Ladd is also an Arizona Game and Fish Habitat Partnership Committee Cooperator and a member of the Cochise County Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC).

He is well-versed in Arizona's border issues and is currently working with the Border Patrol to minimize damage to ranch land in high impact areas. An avid outdoors advocate, he has hunted, fished, and camped in all of Cochise County and in most of the state of Arizona. Through the Hereford NRCD, he is working to restore native grass lands to ranch land. As a member of the PLAC he reviews ongoing state and federal land management proposals to advise County Supervisors of the potential impacts of those proposals on ranching, farming, recreation and open spaces on both public and private lands in the county as applicable.

Mr. Ladd has a proven record of willingness to collaborate and a commitment to consensus building that make him an ideal candidate for Arizona's BLM Advisory Resource Council. Thank you for considering this letter of support and his myriad qualifications for nomination.

Sincerely,

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Ann English, Chairman      Richard Searle, Vice-Chairman      Patrick G. Call, Supervisor

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