



March 27, 2015

Tommie Cline Martin  
Supervisor District 1  
610 E. Highway 260  
Payson, AZ 85541

Dear Tommie,

The Friends of the Tonto Natural Bridge State Park was organized in August 2009 to support the continued operation of the Bridge. Several other Towns and the County also joined in this effort. As of this writing the Friends group are the only active participants in assuring the Bridge continues to be a major economic driver for Rim Country.

Our initial focus was for marketing/ promoting the park. For the most part we concentrated on assuring that the park would have adequate attendance to support a full opening schedule. As the attendance continued to grow we directed our attention to other areas which enhanced our guests visit. The crowning event was the signage which now graces the Park entrance as well as renovated and updated informational displays set aside \$15,000 for concrete work to improve walkways and make overlooks more ADA assessable.

While we were working on keeping the Park open Mother Nature has been at work also. Our current goal is to address the major issues of the trail systems. Tetra Tec's Forrest Switzer and I completed a review of the trails and found them to be in major need of repair. We presented this to the Parks Staff. A special trails building volunteer group from Red Rock State Park joined us for an over view which identified ALL of the major maintenance requirements.

The Friends of the Tonto Natural Bridge State Park would like to request assistance in the rehabilitation of the trail systems to make them safer, more user friendly, and less prone to personal injury. We have a complement of volunteers ready to begin this work but need specific materials to complete our task.

When I first spoke to you about this project the trails group only gave me several items that they needed. Unfortonaly this was only for a couple of "critical areas." They have now given me a complete list of materials they will need to bring the trails up to a safe, and enjoyable outing for our guests. I am providing the complete list in hopes that you may be able to support us. Not all of the items are expected and anything you may provide will help. The one item they are most in need of is guard rail as it does not deteriate over time.

**Friends of Tonto Natural Bridge State Park**  
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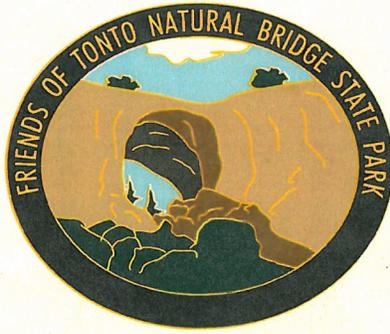
We are a 501(c)-3, ID Number 20-1196825, we are registered with the Arizona Corp. Commission,

Sincerely,

Vern Leis

Co-Chairman

Friends of the Natural Bridge



Tonto Natural Bridge Repairs  
Wish List

Priority:

1. Guard rails – 18 pieces various lengths 6 feet to 16 feet. Total needed 179 feet.
2. Railroad ties or guard rail posts – 4 feet 19, 5 feet 4, 6 feet 6
3. T-Posts – 52

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