

**TONTO NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
PO Box 3073  
Payson, Az. 85547-3073**

December 23, 2015

Supervisor Martin  
610 E. Hwy. 260  
Payson, Az. 85541

Dear Supervisor Martin,

The Tonto NRCD is requesting help in the amount of \$30,000.00 for money to match US Forest Service monitoring funds for the continuation of the Reading The Range monitoring program in Gila County. As you know, this program was spearheaded by Jim Sprinkle through U of A's Cooperative Extension. Mr. Sprinkle has moved to Idaho and is no longer associated with this program, but the Tonto NRCD continues to administer it until a more permanent solution can be found by U of A.

The NEPA process underlying Gila County's ranches is based on the information from this monitoring program. Initially, we need \$10,000.00 to let us complete the 2015 fall data gathering required by the NEPA process. The additional \$20,000.00 will let us complete the 2016 data year.

Anything you can do to help us would be appreciated, and we thank you for helping us to continue the U of A Reading The Range monitoring program that is so vital to ranching in Gila County.

Sincerely,



Troy Neal  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Tonto NRCD

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

District  
Director

P.O. Box 2350 Los Angeles, Calif. 90053

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1616 W. Adams  
Phoenix, AZ. 85007

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Refer Reply to: EP/EO:EOG-2:D:RAA

Date: FEB 15 1965

Subject: NRCD tax exempt status

Gentlemen:

This is in reference to your application for exemption from Federal income tax under section 501 c 5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

The information submitted with your application indicates that the Natural Resource Conservation Districts are an agency of the Arizona State government.

The Internal Revenue Code makes no provision for the issuance of exemption letters to instrumentalities of state or municipal government since they are not subject to Federal income tax under section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Since NRCD's are an agency of the State government, an exemption letter is not necessary and may not be issued.

Contributions to the NRCD's are deductible by the donors as charitable contributions if they are used exclusively for public purposes.

Very truly yours,

Signed: R. Al Alicante  
Tax Law Specialist

