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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
PRESCOTT DIVISION

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY, et al.

CASE NO. 3:12-cv-08176-PCT-SMM

Plaintiff,

vs.

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE,
et al.,

Defendants,

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF
AMERICA and SAFARI CLUB
INTERNATIONAL,

Proposed Defendant-Intervenor.

DECLARATION OF CHRIS W. COX

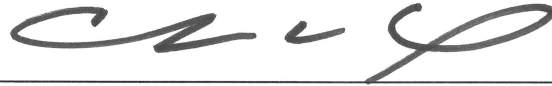
I Chris W. Cox, declare as follows:

1. I am the Executive Director of the National Rifle Association of America's Institute for Legislative Action. I have held this position since 2002.
2. I am authorized to speak for and represent the National Rifle Association of America in litigation pursuant to Article X Section 1 of the bylaws of the National Rifle Association of America.
3. The National Rifle Association of America is an Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4) nonprofit membership organization, incorporated in the state of New York in 1871, with its principal place of business in Fairfax Virginia.
4. Among the National Rifle Association of America's purposes and objectives are "[t]o promote hunter safety, and to promote and defend hunting as a shooting sport and as a viable and necessary method of fostering the propagation, growth and conservation of our renewable wildlife resources." National Rifle Association of America Bylaws Article II Section 5.
5. The National Rifle Association of America currently has approximately 5,000,000 individual members, many of whom reside in Arizona, and hunt in the Kaibab National Forest.

- 1 6. The National Rifle Association of America and its members support
2 sustainable use conservation, and are dedicated to protecting, promoting, and
3 preserving America's hunting heritage for the common good, and general
4 welfare of the public
- 5 7. The National Rifle Association of America has: a Director of Conservation,
6 Wildlife, and Natural Resources; a Hunting policy Liaison; and a Hunter
7 Services Division working at its headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia. They are
8 responsible for promoting the interests of the hunting community in wildlife
9 management. In addition, they work to ensure that wildlife population continue
10 to be available to be enjoyed by National Rifle Association of America
11 members, and to protect and sustain hunting in support of wildlife
12 conservation.
- 13 8. The National Rifle Association of America's Director of Conservation,
14 Wildlife, and Natural Resources serves as the Chair to the Federal Lands,
15 Hunting, Fishing, and Shooting Sports Roundtable ("the Roundtable"). The
16 Roundtable was created by a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the
17 U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and
18 Wildlife Service, and 40 private hunting and conservation organizations,
19 including the National Rifle Association of America. The Roundtable's
20 primary purpose "is to develop and expand a framework...for planning and
21 implementing mutually beneficial projects and activities related to hunting,
22 fishing, and shooting sports conducted on federal lands." *See* the Roundtable
23 Memorandum of Understanding § A, at 2, available at:
24 http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/trails/shooting_mou.pdf.
- 25 9. The National Rifle Association of America has been instrumental in the
26 passage of virtually every significant piece of hunting and wildlife
27 conservation legislation throughout the nation for over 30 years including:
28 protecting hunters from harassment in the field; protecting, and expanding
hunting seasons; promoting right-to-hunt amendments to many state
constitutions; and fighting to keep areas open to hunting.
10. If the Plaintiffs are successful in this lawsuit then the National Rifle
Association of America members who hunt in the Kaibab National Forest will
be forced to use alternative types of ammunition, which can be more costly and
are not as readily available as traditional ammunition.
11. I submit this declaration in support of the National Rifle Association of
America's efforts to intervene in the above captioned manner.

1 In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the
2 foregoing is true and correct.

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4 Dated this 12 day of April, 2016, at Fairfax, Virginia

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Chris W. Cox

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of April, 2016, I electronically transmitted the foregoing Declaration to the Clerk's Office using the CM/ECF System for filing and transmittal of a Notice of Electronic Filing to the following CM/ECF registrants:

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