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General Comments
No Survey Required

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Re: Ben Avery Shooting Facility – Archery Range Expansion
Request for Cultural Resource Status

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Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Arizona State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is in receipt of the 1996 cultural resources report *A Cultural Resources Inventory of the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Maricopa County, North of Phoenix, Arizona* prepared by Aztlan Archaeology, Inc. and your inquiry as to the cultural resource status of land parcels A, B, C, and D scheduled for construction in the near future. As you know, our office reviews actions on state land pursuant to the Arizona State Historic Preservation Act (A.R.S. §41-861 to §41-864), the Arizona Antiquities Act (A.R.S. §41-841 through §41-844), A.R.S. §41-865, Executive Order 2006-14, and other applicable state statutes. After review of the documents and maps submitted to us, the Arizona State Museum's AZSITE restricted cultural resource database, and SHPO maps and records, we would like to offer the following comments:

We agree with the assessment that the proposed additional construction will be located in areas previously surveyed for cultural resources by Aztlan Archaeology, Inc. in 1996 and there were no cultural resources identified within parcels' A-D Areas of Potential Effect. We believe the chances of impacting any subsurface materials that could be present to be minimal based on information in the 1996 report. However, should any archaeological, paleontological, or historical site or object at least 50 years old be discovered during project activity, officials in charge should immediately inform the Director of the Arizona State Museum to have the discovery professionally evaluated.

Thank you for consulting with our office and for considering Arizona's valuable cultural resources in your planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (602) 542-7137, email cgibson@azstateparks.gov.

Sincerely,

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