

**EAST VERDE PARK FIRE DISTRICT**  
HC 3, Box 511-F, Payson, AZ 85541

September 14, 2006

Gila County Board of Supervisors  
Attention: Tommie C. Martin, District 1  
714 S. Beeline Hwy., Ste. 201  
P. O. Box 2297  
Payson, AZ 85547

Dear Tommie:

The East Verde Park Fire Board and residents are pleased to say a very hearty "Thank You" to you and the Gila County Board of Supervisors. For years we have sat here in our homes throughout the summer prepared to leave behind so much that we hold dear as the fires have come closer and closer to us.


We must remain prepared for fire danger as we live up against the forest. However, this year, through the county's matching grant of \$50,000, we were able to do something positive to add a defense against a forest fire reaching our community. Through the residents of East Verde Park we were able to raise matching funds to work with the Forest Service to build a fuel break they had planned but were unable to fund along the southern border of our properties. This provides our community at least one barrier against a forest fire headed into our community.

East Verde Park is now involved in making a difference fire wise. As we are also at risk of any fire within our borders becoming a forest fire, we are working toward becoming a Firewise Community.

The actions this year of the County, the Forest Service and our Fire Departments working together to keep the Rim Country fire safe has started a huge ball rolling — one that we must keep rolling for all our sakes.

If you have any questions, please contact Matalyn Gardner at 928-474-3883.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Cambier, Chairman  
East Verde Park Fire District

c: Ed Armenta, Tonto National Forest Service  
Don Nunley, Tonto National Forest Service  
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