



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
Joseph Dedman, Jr., Sheriff
Apache County, Arizona



Chief Deputy
Brannon R. Eagar

December 20, 2017

District 1 & 2
Cmdr. John Scruggs

Arizona Department of Transportation

District 3 & 4
Cmdr. Roscoe Herrera

REFERENCE: Proposed closure of US 191 from Alpine to Morenci

Detention
Cmdr. Michael Cirivello

As the Sheriff of Apache County, I have several concerns that I would like to address and for you to take into consideration reference the proposed closure of 85 miles of US 191 from Alpine to Morenci. The majority of the highway closure directly affects the safety and livelihood of my constituents the citizens that I have been elected to protect and serve. It also affects the many visitors and hunters that would still access the area and that I have a duty through Search and Rescue operations to provide lifesaving missions. This would prohibit my Office and my Search and Rescue from access to perform our duties.

ACCENT
Cmdr. Lance Spivey

I am elected and tasked with the duty of providing for the safety, public health and welfare of all citizens of and visitors to Apache County. I will also assist each of the other fourteen elected Sheriffs in performing these duties.

As Sheriff of Apache County, in order to provide Law Enforcement service, Search and Rescue operations, timely assistance to Greenlee County and to provide for the safety, public health and welfare of all citizens and visitors, we will remove any barricades or stop any work that would negatively affect Apache County Sheriff's Office Deputies from performing these duties or, deny access to our citizens, property owners or deny access to public lands by the general public.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Joseph Dedman Jr.
Apache County

CC:

- Honorable Governor Doug Ducey, State of Arizona
- Sheriff Tim Sumner, Greenlee County
- Sheriff PJ Allred, Graham County
- Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County
- Sheriff Adam Shepherd, Gila County
- Sheriff KC Clark, Navajo County

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