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Subject: Palm Alert!!

Gang, I've just returned from a snooping trip through Rhodes GVRanch project because I'm so intrigued by all the overnight activity visible from my house.

I am also sending copies of this message to the Arizona Corporation Commission for consideration with their Perkins Mountain Water Company decisions.

I discovered that I couldn't get any where close to the good parts of the project. The area has been so ripped apart and rearranged, with large lakebeds here and there, with high-fill streets between them.

Dozens of huge earth-moving vehicles all over the place and, in the distance...brace yourself...palm trees...PALM TREES...and *YET EVEN MORE PALM TREES.*

Because I could not get close to them and they faded out of view in the distance, I'm guessing that there are easily in excess of 1,000 very tall, very beautiful palm trees lining half a dozen big boulevards on either side for miles....

Now ordinarily I wouldn't be bitching about things like this if it wasn't for the unbelievable use of Golden Valley groundwater with miles and miles of huge, heavy duty water lines running all over the place trying to pump life into those ill-looking trees. [This is significant because when I first moved to this residence, less than one and a half mile from GVRanch directly down the street from me, I first contacted the AZ State Dept of Agri and asked them what will grow on my property here in Golden Valley. Their instant response was "Positively no palms...." Perhaps Rhodes doesn't need to ask.]

And, sprinkler systems can also be seen swishing away in the distance...and I thought Rhodes and Perkins Mountain Water Company were supposed to be using only gray water for their landscaping. There was also lots of standing water in numbers of more low-lying areas; ideal for West Nile Virus.

An incredible waste of fresh water.

I was also surprised to discover that Ramada Road from Shinarump had finally been dozered, complete with a street sign, and I can now drive directly to my property across Ramada from GVRanch..

And, at Sacramento and Shinarump, I could not find the regulation county street sign marking Sacramento. In fact, at least half a dozen NO TRESPASSING signs are now lined up along Sacramento on both sides from the Shinarump intersection.

When was Sacramento closed to country through traffic? It is the ONLY through route for many miles in either direction from 66 to Shinarump/68.

So that's it for today, loyal recipients.

Just remember to do all you can to protect the Golden Valley groundwater from Perkins Mountain Water Company under any other Rhodes name.

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