MEMO **F-6A**

TO: Larry D. Voyles, Director

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PRESENTER: Mike Senn, Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division

TITLE: Request for the Commission to Approve an Interagency Service Agreement with the Arizona State Parks Board for the Continued Operation of the Roper Lake State Park.

DESCRIPTION: The Commission will be asked to vote to approve an Interagency Service Agreement with the Arizona State Parks for the Continued Operation of the Roper Lake State Park. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on this item.

DATE: March 26, 2010

Summary:
In 1969, the Commission purchased property in Graham County, Arizona to provide public fishing and recreation opportunities. The property was managed by the Commission until 1974, when the Commission entered into a management agreement with the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) to run the facility as Roper Lake State Park (Park). In February of 2010, the Board announced the impending closure of Roper Lake State Park on March 29, 2010 due to budgetary constraints. In an effort to keep the Commission's interest in providing recreational activities to the public, the Department is requesting that the Commission approve the attached Interagency Service Agreement. It provides for a one time advance payment of $20,000.00 to the Board to supplement operation costs of the Park from March 30, 2010 until June 3, 2010. This will provide the Board with an extended opportunity to reassess management of the facility within current budgetary constraints and new increased user fees.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE THE INTERAGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD TO SUPPLEMENT CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE ROPER LAKE STATE PARK UNTIL JUNE 3, 2010, AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AS ATTACHED OR AS RECOMMENDED OR APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

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