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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20150

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public
Works
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. As you continue work on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, I respectfully request that the legislation direct the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the completion of the Corazon de los Tres Rios del Norte aquatic ecosystem restoration project.

The Corazon de los Tres Rios del Norte Recreation Master Plan creates a vision and establishes alternatives for future recreation, flood risk management, groundwater reclamation and environmental restoration at the intersection of the Rillito River, Santa Cruz River and the Cañada del Oro Wash. In a joint effort between Pima County Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a study has been proposed to restore the desert aquatic ecosystem, enable more efficient groundwater recharge, and limit the flood risk in the region. The project received funding to complete the feasibility study in the fiscal year 2022 omnibus appropriations bill.

Given the public safety and health risks that would be alleviated by the completion of this critical project, I ask that the WRDA 2022 bill direct the Corps to expedite the completion of the feasibility study for this important project.

Thank you again for your ongoing leadership and your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator