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DS-CESU Partners:

I am writing to support the membership application of Tucson Audubon Society (TAS) to the Desert Southwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (DS-CESU). Our parks and programs have worked extensively with Tucson Audubon Society (TAS) on collaborative projects addressing ecological research, citizen science, ecosystem restoration, and exotic species control. Based in Tucson, TAS is involved regionally, with active projects in Sonora, Chihuahua, Texas, New Mexico, California, and adjacent states around the Sonoran, Chihuahuan, and Mojave deserts. Many of these projects (vertebrate research and monitoring, invasive species control and habitat restoration) have over a decade of continued success through cooperative approaches.

As a 20-year partner with the DS-CESU, I strongly recommend TAS for membership. Their unique expertise in citizen science, applied research for resource conservation, and active ecosystem restoration would be an excellent fit with the skills and talents of the existing partners, and would open additional avenues for effective collaboration in our region. If you have any questions, please call me at (520) 429-8147 or via email at Andy_Hubbard@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

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