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7	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8	DISTRICT OF ARIZONA
9	CITY OF TOMBSTONE,) Civil Action No. 11-845-TUC-FRZ
10	Plaintiffs,)
11	v.) Hon. Frank R. Zapata, presiding judge
12	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al, Defendants.) TOMBSTONE'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO EXTEND TIME BY
13) SEVERING AND CONTINUING
14) CONSIDERATION OF TENTH) AMENDMENT ISSUES
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16	What is at stake in this case is the life or death of historic Tombstone, Arizona.
17	To enforce fealty to a clearly erroneous interpretation of federal law, Defendants are
18	refusing to allow Tombstone to take reasonable emergency action to repair its century-
19 20	old Huachuca Mountain water infrastructure. This deprives Tombstone of adequate fire
21	suppression capabilities and safe drinking water. As their brief reveals, Defendants now
22	want to bury Tombstone's Tenth Amendment case before the Court has a fair
23	opportunity to consider it. But it is not too late to rescue "The Town Too Tough to Die."
24	I. THE COURT SHOULD ALLOW TOMBSTONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
25	BRIEF ALL TENTH AMENDMENT ISSUES FULLY.
26 27	In seeking to cover the Court's eyes and ears to Tombstone's Tenth Amendment
28	claims, Defendants make no showing that justice or judicial economy would be served.
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1	Dropping the context of emergency proceedings, Defendants callously contend that
2	Tombstone should have already made its entire Tenth Amendment case. But there is no
3	nessibility of claim or issue proclusion at this contrasters. The only real question is
4	possibility of claim or issue preclusion at this early stage. The only real question is
5	whether the Court should attempt to do complete justice based on a consideration of the
6	fullest possible record at this time. ¹ That question must be answered in the affirmative
7 8	because the lives and properties of Tombstone, its residents and visitors, and the
9	integrity of the State of Arizona's sovereignty are held in the balance. ²
10	II. TOMBSTONE'S TENTH AMENDMENT CLAIM SHOULD BE BRIEFED
11	BECAUSE IT REINFORCES THE CITY'S STATUTORY CLAIMS.
12	Defendants' reliance on the Property Clause, U.S. Const. Art. IV, Sec. 3, Cl. 2,
13	does not justify burying Tombstone's Tenth Amendment claim. This is because title to
14	the parcels including and surrounding Tombstone's springheads, has been held in <i>fee</i>
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16	simple by the city since 1947 and by its predecessor-in-interest since before Arizona was
17	admitted into the Union. ³ As Tombstone is a political subdivision of the State of
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19	$\frac{1}{1}$ Although Defendants suggest that the parties should engage in further mediation (Dkt.
20	32 at 3), this suggestion is disingenuous because Defendants did not appear at the
21	previously-ordered mediation with a representative who had authority to settle the case. 2 As an offer of proof in connection with the requested additional briefing, Tombstone
22	will file three additional declarations on February 21, 2012. The supplemental declaration of City Archivist Nancy Sosa will trace the chain of title and permits upon
23	which Tombstone relies with specific reference to relevant documents. The declaration
24	of Tombstone Fire Chief Jesse Grassman will establish that Tombstone's historic district
25	is at imminent risk of an uncontrollable fire because of the loss of adequate water from the Huachuca Mountains. The declaration of Water Operator Jack Wright will establish
26	the public health risk of requiring city residents and visitors to rely upon dwindling
20	sources of well water due to the threat of arsenic contamination. ³ Tombstone's title to water works and ancillary land rights, including appurtenant
	easements, derives from a number of Arizona Territorial statutes and practices. At the
28	time of the creation of Tombstone's Huachuca water system, all of these rights were

1	Arizona, title to that property is now correspondingly vested in the State of Arizona, not
2	the federal government. Cf. Mont. v. United States, 450 U.S. 544, 551 (1980). The
3	state's title cannot be clouded by federal laws enacted after admission into the Union. Cf.
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5	Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 556 U.S. 163, 176 (2009). Even with respect to the
6	portions of Tombstone's property that are appurtenant easements across federal lands,
7 8	the Supreme Court has held "[a]bsent consent or cession a State retains jurisdiction over
8 9	federal lands within its territory." Kleppe v. New Mexico, 426 U.S. 529, 542-43 (1976).
10	There is no question the State has retained such jurisdiction here, as evidenced by
11	Governor Brewer's emergency proclamation.
12 13	When the Governor of Arizona declares a state of emergency, as she has done
13	here (Hendrickson Decl. (Dkt. 9) \P 4), she has exercised "all police power vested in the
15	state by the constitution and laws of this state" in order to alleviate the underlying
16	disaster or extreme peril. A.R.S. §§ 26-301(15), 26-303(E). This gubernatorial
17 18	proclamation gives Tombstone concurrent police power jurisdiction to repair its water
19	infrastructure along its rights-of-way and properties located in the Huachuca Mountains.
20	In preventing Tombstone from exercising such power and jurisdiction to repair its
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22	validated as established on the federal public domain by the Act of July 26, 1866, 14
23	Stat. 253, currently 43 U.S.C. 661. Their character, validity and extent have been
24	recognized—until the current controversy—by court decisions, federal statutes and the
25	Special Use Permit issued to the City by the U.S. Forest Service in 1962. Cmplt. (Dkt. 1) Exs. 1, 2; Sosa Decl. (Dkt. 8), ¶¶ 5-8; Sosa Supp. Decl; <i>see also</i> Proclamation of
	President Theodore Roosevelt establishing the Huachuca Forest Reserve, 34 Stat. 3255
26	(Nov. 6, 1906) ("This proclamation will not take effect upon any lands which may be covered by any prior valid claim"); Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984, 98 Stat.
27	1485, P.L. 98-406, §§101(a)(14), (b) (requiring that administration of the Miller Peak
28	Wilderness was to be "subject to valid existing rights").

1	water infrastructure, Defendants are essentially proclaiming that Congress gave them the
2	power to preempt the state's police powers during a grave public health and safety
3 4	emergency. However, no case cited by Defendants holds that the Property Clause
5	extends exclusive federal police power jurisdiction to a sovereign state's real property
6	during a <i>proclaimed police power emergency</i> . ⁴ Moreover, Defendants cite no express
7	preemption clause in the Wilderness Act or any other federal law to justify their conduct.
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9	Defendants rely entirely upon the doctrine of implied preemption as an unstated premise.
10	In view of the federalism interests protected by the Tenth Amendment, implied
11	preemption of Arizona's police powers cannot be presumed in the present case. See, e.g.,
12	<i>Wyeth v. Levine</i> , 129 S. Ct. 1187, 1194-95 (2009). As explained in <i>Chamber of</i>
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14	Commerce of the United States v. Whiting, "a high threshold must be met if a state law is
15	to be pre-empted for conflicting with the purpose of a federal Act." 131 S. Ct. 1968,
16	1985 (2011). Tombstone should be allowed to brief why Defendants have not met that
17 18	high standard in light of its Tenth Amendment claim and vested rights.
19	Simply put, just as federal immigration laws did not impliedly preempt Arizona's
20	business licensure regulations in Whiting, neither does the Wilderness Act impliedly
21	preempt a political subdivision of the State from exercising its vested rights to save
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23	human life and property pursuant to gubernatorial proclamation invoking the state's
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25	⁴ Defendants' cases are inapposite because the regulations at issue there did not, as here,
26	concern sovereign real property that was essential to fulfilling the essential functions of protecting public health and safety. Instead, <i>Volger</i> involved the U.S. Park Service's
27	regulation of private mining rights, while School Bd. of Avoyelles Parish involved
28	federal regulation of a school board's easement with no connection to the most essential state function of protecting public health and safety during an emergency.

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police powers. To the contrary, following *Whiting*, the Act should be construed to accommodate the sovereign state interests at issue in this case, rather than to displace them. This is because Tombstone's vested rights are expressly protected by at least two provisions of the Act.

The first of these provisions, 16 U.S.C. §1134(a), guarantees that state and private owners of interests in lands surrounded by a wilderness area "shall be given such rights" as may be necessary to assure adequate access to such State-owned or privately owned land by such State or private owner and their successors in interest." 16 U.S.C. §1134(a); Oregon Chapter of Sierra Club, 172 IBLA 27, 42 (2007) ("Since [16 U.S.C. § 1134(a)] of the Wilderness Act specifically provides for access to inholdings, it follows that access approved under that provision and its implementing regulations is necessarily exempted from the road and motorized use prohibition of [16 U.S.C. § 1133(a)]."). The second is §1134(b), which requires the Forest Service to permit means of ingress and egress "customarily enjoyed" for valid occupancies located within wilderness areas. Taken together, the Wilderness Act plainly requires the Forest Service to continue to provide the access enjoyed by Tombstone at the time the wilderness was created. See generally City of Baker City Oregon v. United States, 2011 WL 4381534 (D. Or., Sept. 19, 2011), id. 2012 WL 124786 (D. Or., Jan. 17, 2012) (holding Forest Service's regulation of easements to access, repair and maintain water infrastructure could not impinge upon City's vested rights of access).⁵ The Forest Service itself has recognized

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1	that it is to "permit maintenance or reconstruction of existing [water] structures
2	Structures include reservoirs, ditches and related facilities for the control or use of water
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4	that were <i>under valid special use permit or other authority</i> when the area involved was
5	incorporated under the Wilderness Act. ⁶ 2300 Forest Service Manual, Ch. 20, §
6	2323.44d. (Emphasis added). This Manual provision also states that the Forest Service
7 8	is not to "permit the use of motorized equipment and mechanized transportation for
9	maintenance of water development structures except were practiced before the area was
10	designated as Wilderness." Id. (emphasis added). ⁷
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12	before and after that Wilderness Area was designated in 1984, including in the aftermath
13	of natural events which damaged Tombstone's water infrastructure in 1977 and again in 1993. <i>See e.g.</i> Plaintiff Prelim. Inj. Ex. 2 (MRDG for Gardner Canyon; <i>see</i> 2/2/2012
14	Report of Proceedings (Dkt. 31), admitted at p. 6) at 2 ("The access route was a road
15	previous to Wilderness designation [Tombstone's documentation] contends that the [pipe]line has been in use and maintained as recently as 2010 No evidence exists of
16	case by case Forest Service authorization of these repairs."); id. at 4 ("The Tombstone
17	water system features currently in the [Wilderness] were first established in the late 1880s. The springs in Miller Canyon and Carr Canyon have historically provided water
18	to a company and later to the City of Tombstone The use of the water system features was established prior to the establishment of the [Wilderness] in 1984. The city
19	has accessed these springs using the old roadbed/system trail. They often used
20	[motorized means] to do minor repairs. There is no record of Forest Service authorization specific to these repairs Until the dedication of the wilderness,
21	[Tombstone] used mechanized means to access and maintain the water system as far up
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23	prior to the establishment of the [Wilderness], as was the use of mechanized equipment
24	to maintain said system Authorized motor use was not given but assumed authorized by [Tombstone].").
25	⁶ Tombstone has both "valid existing uses" and a perpetual Special Use Permit issued in
26	1962 that recognizes city occupancy of "five parcels of land for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and using a municipal water supply." <i>See supra</i> note 3.
27	⁷ The Forest Service has acknowledged that Tombstone has used mechanized means to
28	access and repair its Huachuca Mountain water infrastructure in the wilderness, both before and after that Wilderness Area was designated in 1984, including in the aftermath

1	Nothing in the Act suggests any intent by Congress to preempt, "take" or
2	otherwise diminish Tombstone's ability to use, repair and rebuild its Huachuca
3	Mountain water infrastructure to meet the needs of its citizens under the present
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5	emergency circumstances. ⁸ In view of <i>Whiting</i> and the principle of state sovereignty,
6	Tombstone should be allowed to brief why the Act must be construed to protect the
7	city's vested rights to access and rebuild its water infrastructure using light and heavy
8	mechanized equipment and vehicles. ⁹
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22	by [Tombstone].").
23	⁸ Ongoing delay in allowing Tombstone to make the needed repairs by the necessary means, portends that the work may not be completed before defendant may impose
24	access restrictions for the potential presence of the Mexican spotted owl. As a result,
25	multiple and protracted incursions may be required to complete the repairs to the detriment of the wilderness and the residents and visitors of Tombstone.
26	⁹ Where, as here, the Forest Service has not allowed adequate access to property
27	surrounded by wilderness, injunctive relief is the appropriate remedy. <i>Nelson v. United</i>
28	<i>States</i> , 64 F.Supp.2d 1318, 1321, 1226 (N.D. Ga. 1999). Although <i>Nelson</i> was decided under the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §701, <i>et seq.</i> , there is no procedural

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TOMBSTONE'S TENTH AMENDMENT CLAIM SHOULD BE FULLY BRIEFED BECAUSE IT IS LIKEWISE PLAINLY MERITORIOUS.

Defendants claim that Plaintiff's invocation of *Printz v. United States*, 521 U.S. 3 4 898 (1997), is inapposite because the Forest Service is not requiring Tombstone to 5 execute federal law. Dkt. 32 at 4. But *Printz* is directly on point because its prohibition 6 on federal commandeering of state and local governmental officials was compelled by 7 8 the principle that "[t]he Framers explicitly chose a Constitution that confers upon 9 Congress the power to regulate individuals, not States." Id. at 920 (quoting New York v. 10 United States, 505 U.S. 144, 166 (1992)). Printz struck down the federal government's 11 commandeering of the Sheriff of Cochise County not as a standalone axiom of 12 13 constitutional law, but as a necessary implication of the Tenth Amendment's guarantee 14 of structural autonomy to the states. That rationale is binding here under the doctrine of 15 vertical stare decisis. Arizona v. Rumsey, 467 U.S. 203, 212 (1984). 16 17 In view of the Tenth Amendment's guarantee, there is no material difference 18 between commandeering municipal officials and commandeering essential municipal 19 property of the sort without which there would be no municipality. By overriding a 20 gubernatorial emergency proclamation and commandeering Tombstone's essential 21 22 impediment to this Court making a similar determination as Tombstone has challenged the Forest Service's denial of their requested access to repair and maintain its vested 23 rights in the water infrastructure without interference with the means of doing so that it 24 enjoyed in the past. Cmplt. (Dkt. 1) at 31, ¶ 2. The Forest Service's denial of such access to Gardner Springs was expressly not subject to administrative review by the agency. 25 Bennett Decl. (Dkt. 12-1), Ex. 8, p. 5. Accordingly, jurisdiction under the APA is 26 presently proper in this Court. Even if the decisions of the Forest Supervisor were appealable within the agency, such an appeal would not be required under the futility 27 exception as the appeal would go to the Regional Forester who has already adopted the 28 disputed limitations by approving the MRDGs.

1 sovereign property the Forest Service is *literally* directly regulating the State through its 2 political subdivision. Moreover, Defendants are depriving the State of its structural 3 autonomy here just as assuredly as if they had directly commanded Tombstone's Mayor 4 to use hand tools to repair the city's water infrastructure himself. For these reasons, 5 6 Defendants' commandeering of Tombstone's essential municipal property clearly 7 violates the principle of state sovereignty enforced in Printz. 521 U.S. at 924; see also 8 Petersburg Cellular Partnership v. Bd. of Supervisors of Nottoway County, 205 F.3d 9 688, 70-06 (4th Cir. 2000). 10 11 Indeed, *Printz* is merely the tip of the precedential iceberg supporting 12 Tombstone's Tenth Amendment case. Defendants' crimped reading of Printz reflects 13 their failure to grapple with the fact that the Supreme Court's has effectively reversed 14 15 the holding in Garcia v. San Antonio Metropolitan Transit Authority, 469 U.S. 528, 554 16 (1985), that the defense of state sovereignty should be mounted only from within the 17 political process. In its place, the Supreme Court has revived National League of Cities 18 v. Usery, 426 U.S. 833 (1976). See, e.g., New York, 505 U.S. at 161-66 (citing Hodel v. 19 20 Virginia Surface Mining & Recl. Assn., 452 U.S. 264, 287-88 (1981), which applied the 21 three-part test of National League of Cities for assessing whether a federal law violates 22 the Tenth Amendment). The Supreme Court is now fully committed to enforcing the 23 24 principle that "[t]he States 'form distinct and independent portions of the supremacy, no 25 more subject, within their respective spheres, to the general authority than the general 26 authority is subject to them, within its own sphere." Alden v. Maine, 527 U.S. 706, 714 27 (1999) (citations omitted); Petersburg Cellular Partnership, 205 F.3d at 706. The Tenth 28

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Amendment limits expressly delegated federal power notwithstanding the Supremacy Clause because "[i]mpermissible interference with state sovereignty is not within the National Government's enumerated powers." Bond v. United States, 131 S. Ct. 2355, 2366 (2011).¹⁰

6 The Forest Service's refusal to allow Tombstone to repair its water supplies 7 violates the principle of state sovereignty under the legal framework of *National League* 8 of Cities because it 1) regulates "states as states," 2) concerns attributes of state 9 sovereignty, and 3) impairs the state's ability to structure integral operations in areas of traditional governmental functions. See National League of Cities, 426 U.S. at 852-54. First, as discussed above, there is no question that Defendants' regulatory interference with Tombstone's water infrastructure constitutes the regulation of the State (through its subdivision), not individuals. Second, the Forest Service's regulations clearly concern essential attributes of state sovereignty because Tombstone's water rights and infrastructure are critical to the city's very existence and necessary to carry out the state's reserved sovereign power to protect local public health and safety. Third, federal interference with Tombstone's vested rights is a textbook example of impairment of governmental functions traditionally assigned to the States.

¹⁰ This message has been received by lower courts throughout the country. For example, Massachusetts v. Sebelius, 698 F.Supp.2d 234, 235-46 (E.D. Mass. 2010), recently applied National League of Cities to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act even

After all, providing adequate water for fire suppression and human consumption

- though Congress' *plenary spending power was at issue*. Just as the Tenth Amendment
- 27 limits the reach of Spending Clause, so does the Tenth Amendment limit the reach of the 28 Property Clause.

1	is essential to the state's role in protecting public health and safety. See, e.g., National
2	League of Cities v. Usery, 426 U.S. 833, 851 (1976) (noting that fire prevention,
3	League of Cittes v. Osery, 420 C.S. 855, 851 (1976) (noting that fire prevention,
4	sanitation, and public health are traditional government functions that states have
5	traditionally provided for their citizens). Indeed, the Supreme Court has specifically
6	recognized that maintenance of a municipal water system is an essential government
7	function. Brush v. Commissioner, 300 U.S. 352, 370-71 (1937). Without a water supply,
8	"the city itself would then disappear," as "the health and comfort of the city's population
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10	and in some degree their very existence, are dependent upon an adequate supply of
11	pure and wholesome water." Id. The same is true about fire protection. Goldstein v.
12 13	Chestnut Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., 218 F.3d 337, 343 (4th Cir. 2000). Because
13	Defendants' conduct impedes Tombstone's ability to provide its residents and visitors
15	with a reliable supply of drinking water and adequate protection from fire, there is no
16	question that Defendants have impaired the state's ability to structure integral operations
17 18	in areas of traditional governmental functions. ¹¹
	Taken together, all three elements of the National League of Cities test clearly
19 20	Taken together, all three elements of the National League of Cities test clearly
20	reinforce Tombstone's argument under <i>Printz</i> that Defendants' conduct violates the
21	Tenth Amendment. Accordingly, further briefing on Tenth Amendment issues is
22 23	warranted to do complete justice between the parties.
24	CONCLUSION
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26	For the above reasons, the Court should grant Tombstone's Motion.
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28	¹¹ <i>See</i> Bennett Decl. (Dkt. 12-1), Ex. 2 (decision memo) at 1, (Miller MRDG) at 1, 8, Ex. 8 at 4; Plaintiff Prelim. Inj. Ex. 2 (Gardner MRDG) at 10; Grassman Decl.; Wright Decl.
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