



Salt River horse found dead near Bush Highway

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A Salt River horse was found dead near Bush Highway on Monday, and the animal's death has advocates pushing for security measures to prevent similar incidents.

The horse, about two and a half years old, was found dead on the side of the road, and officials don't know whether the animal died or was killed by a driver.

Advocates of the Salt River horses are fighting to have horse crossing signs placed on a 16 mile stretch of the highway, warning drivers of the animals who are known to frequent the area and cross the road.

Wild horse advocates have been fighting to save the Salt River horses who officials said could pose a threat to humans.

In recent interviews, officials with the Tonto National Forest were worried the animals might be a danger to drivers.

But advocates would like to see more safeguards in place for the horses, like lowering the speed limit in the area.

The advocates of the horses are mourning the loss of their beloved horse who they called "Thunder". They say he had just recently found his independence from his family band.