Verde River art project can be a big draw

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A little bored already this long weekend? The kids driving you to distraction? Looking for an easy project that could even mean something when you're through?

With apologizes to our crafty chica in the features department, here's an idea:

The folks at the <u>Center for Biological Diversity</u> and the groups they're working with to preserve the Verde River have devised a campaign they're calling "A Little Drop of Water." This is from the website <u>savetheverde.org</u>:

Call it art therapy. Call it your own version of a prayer flag. Or a hopeful reworking of the whole "cry me a river" idea. Call it whatever you like.

Here's what they want you to do. Download and print a copy of a <u>special water drop</u>. Color it, decorate it, go wild, unleash your inner artist. And say something good about the Verde. From the instructions:

Write a love note to the river, or publicly vow to conserve water, or signal your hopes that wisdom will prevail to keep the river flowing!

Once you're done, send it to the address on the website. Sometime in the future, the groups will collect the drops and string them together to put on display in Prescott as a show of support for the river, named earlier this year as one of the $\underline{10}$ most endangered rivers in America.

If you're a digital artist, the group will accept electronic submissions as well; the website give you the lowdown.

While you're on <u>savetheverde.org</u>, you can read more about the group's activities and why it's working to preserve the river.