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Re: Support for the Resolution Copper Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Daniel:

I am a County Supervisor in Gila County, Arizona, and I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) decision to terminate the Programmatic Agreement for the Resolution Copper Project in Arizona. This Programmatic Agreement (PA) was developed among Resolution Copper, the US Forest Service, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, and Native American Tribes so the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can proceed to a Record of Decision. The process has taken many years to develop and has included many thousands of volunteer hours from local citizens who have a vested interest in this project.

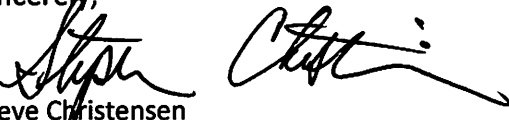
The EIS that is dependent on approval of the PA contains agreements and mitigation measures negotiated through years of good faith collaboration between the affected communities and Resolution Copper, without which the effects of this project would be devastating to the environment and economies of this region. The results of these agreements is that the many communities and individuals that were initially concerned or opposed to the Resolution Copper Project are now supportive of the project ONLY because of these mitigation commitments.

The ACHP actions to terminate the PA at the last minute, after years of participation and after ALL other federal and state agencies have signed is unprecedented. The ACHP must consider that the Forest Service coordinated the NEPA process with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and provided multiple opportunities for public

comment on the project, which has spanned many years. I urge, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to reconsider their decision.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, I would be more than happy to discuss any of these points with you.

Sincerely,

  
Steve Christensen  
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