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Reid Nelson, Director
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Delivered by email: rnelson@achp.gov

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. Even though the mine is located in Pinal County, Arizona it will have a profound effect on Gila County residents.

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 PA contains provisions that are vital to the historic preservation, cultural integrity, and economic prosperity for everyone in this region:

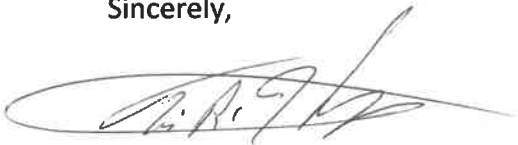
- Establishment of a Community Development Fund specifically aimed at addressing effects from the project on historic properties and other community infrastructure for everyone in the Copper Triangle region.
- Development of a new Castleberry Campground as mitigation for Oak Flat, to include cultural resources interpretive information.
- The agreement has been widely vetted with all of the affected residents and interests in the local area.

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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 placed a singular focus and sole importance on one group of stakeholders that has refused to participate in the process, and yet the ACHP only listened to them. I urge you to reconsider your decision.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim R. Humphrey', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Tim R. Humphrey
Gila County Supervisor District II

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