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Christopher Daniel
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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 impact on Gila County citizens as well.

This Programmatic Agreement 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.

A Community Working Group (CWG) was formed in 2013 in order to provide a conduit between Resolution Copper Company and the multiple stakeholder groups and community leaders in and around Superior. The CWG has included community members from nearby Gila County as well. I personally was invited to join the group in 2019 and during my participation I have learned a great deal about the project, and I have been impressed with Resolution Copper's willingness to listen and work with the local communities. 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 Company. The agreements and measures

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are unmatched in our communities that have relied on mining for more than 100 years. Mining and ranching history has been the fabric of the Copper Triangle for a century and the PA and the NEPA process run by the Forest Service shows how historic preservation and economic growth can be balanced.

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. I urge you to revisit your decision and take into consideration all of the hard work that has gone into this project not only by Resolution Copper, local and state government, but affected citizens as well.

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 blue ink, appearing to read "Woody Cline". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "W" and a distinct "Cline".

Woody Cline
Gila County Supervisor District III

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