

February 24, 2021

Reid Nelson
Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
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Delivered Via Email: rnelson@achp.gov

RE: Support for the Resolution Copper Programmatic Agreement

Dear Mr. Nelson,

Superior, Arizona and the nearby Copper Corridor are home to a mining and ranching legacy you can't find anywhere else. There is passion, respect, and appreciation for our history, culture, and heritage that continues to thrive with the progression of the Resolution Copper Project.

When Resolution Copper begins construction and production, it will employ some of the most technologically advanced and modern mining techniques in the world; with employment from the local area expected to exceed 1,500 during full production. It will have passed the most comprehensive permitting process any mining project has even seen, with an ore body that will support the region for decades to come.

As a local resident of Superior, Arizona, twenty-year business owner in Superior and longtime President of the Superior Chamber of Commerce, I have spent the last decade dedicated to the historic preservation of Superior and our mining heritage. I have been immersed in the engagement, consultation, and participatory process with Resolution Copper; and have been heavily involved in the creation and development of the Programmatic Agreement, as it pertains to cultural heritage and the historic preservation of the Copper Corridor.

In my current capacity as a local resident, local business owner and community leader, I write to you in support of the Resolution Copper Project, the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and most importantly, the Programmatic Agreement, all of which have been the subject of a rigorous review for more than seven years. I was incredibly disappointed to hear of the ACHP's actions to terminate the Programmatic Agreement, with this unprecedented decision, after years of participation. It is disheartening to know that the ACHP pulled their support, after all other federal and state agencies have signed.

I understand that the Programmatic Agreement incorporates significant cultural heritage preservation measures created through nearly a decade worth of discussions with Native American Tribes and all local communities in the Copper Corridor. The Programmatic Agreement and the NEPA process show how historic preservation and economic growth can be balanced.

I support the mitigation measures lined out in the Programmatic Agreement, including:

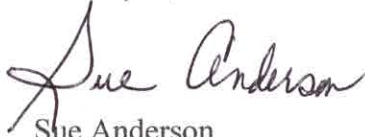
-Construction of the Castleberry Campground;

-Creation of the cultural heritage fund to preserve historic and cultural character in the towns in the Copper Corridor

This recent decision by the ACHP tells my Chamber members, my community and I that our participation and voices do not matter. I urge you to reconsider ACHP's position on the Programmatic Agreement as quickly a possible, so all communities and stakeholders can benefit from the mitigations agreed upon for this project.

I am confident that Resolution Copper will continue to actively engage and continue to progress this project in a manner that is socially, environmentally and culturally responsible.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sue Anderson

Superior Resident, local business owner & Superior Chamber of Commerce President

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