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**RE: USFS Consultation Comments on Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Resolution
Copper Project**

Dear Ms. Nez Lyndon:

On behalf of Yavapai-Apache Nation, I would like to thank the United States Forest Service for the consultation process on the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Resolution Copper Project, and ensuring inclusion of the tribal voice.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation submitted a pre-mitigation request letter in September 2019, to mitigate and off-set the impacts to the environment and cultural heritage of the Project.

It is important to note that each Tribe participating in consultation, represents itself, as we are each self-governing and sovereign governments. One Tribe does not speak to determine the position of all Tribes.

As the comment period concludes, it is important to note that the Nation is concerned about the location of the tailings. We know that mining tailings have lasting impacts on communities and environments. We do request that Tribes have the opportunity to continue to participate in the process of tailings location.

Sincerely,

Jon Huey
Chairman