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Nonabah Nez, Tonto National Forest
United States Forest Service

RE: Consultation and Mitigation Process of the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Resolution Copper Project

Dear Ms. Nez,

On behalf of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, we want to thank you for your effort in the official tribal consultation process with the U.S. Forest Service regarding the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and the Resolution Copper Project.

The Yavapai-Apache Nation, as many others Tribes, signed the Problematic Agreement and have been participating in the official consultation process with the USFS. This process is the official government-to-government consultation process for Tribes.

Due to the COVID-19 public health pandemic, we want to officially request that the U.S. Forest Service not delay the consultation process or the mitigation process of the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Resolution Copper Project.

As federally recognized Tribes, we each have the same opportunity to participate in the government-to-government consultation process, and it is not fair to delay the process at the request of any single Tribe.

We appreciate your consideration to this request. If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Office at (928) 567-1021.

Sincerely,

Jon Huey, Chairman
Yavapai-Apache Nation