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## GILA COUNTY

From the Office of:  
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Mr. Christopher Daniel  
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**RE: Support for ACHP and USFS Finalizing the Programmatic Agreement: Resolution Copper Mining Project and Land Exchange**

Dear Mr. Daniel:

I am the County Manager for Gila County, Arizona, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) decision to terminate the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Resolution Copper Mine Project and Land Exchange. Although not located within the geographic boundaries of Gila County, Resolution Copper has and continues to create an economic benefit to Gila County.


From a historical perspective, modern history of this region is intrinsically linked to copper mining and has been for over 100 years. Mining is the historical context of the area, so the important non-native resources of the region are all associated with mines, mining, and the communities that grew up and thrived around copper mines. The PA seeks to recognize the importance of all these historic and cultural resources through a commitment to fund wide-ranging preservation efforts. The PA was developed among Resolution Copper, the U.S. Forest Service, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, and Native American Tribes so that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can proceed to a Record of Decision.

The EIS that is dependent upon approval of the PA contains agreements and mitigation measures representing good-faith efforts between all affected communities and Resolution Copper Company. The ACHP's actions to terminate the PA at the last minute, after all other federal and state agencies have signed is unprecedented. The ACHP placed a singular focus and importance on one group of

stakeholders that has refused to participate in the process, yet the ACHP only listened to them. I urge, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to reassess their decision and take into consideration all the hard work that has gone into this project.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Menlove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James Menlove