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Resolution Copper Mining Project and Land Exchange; Tonto National Forest, Pinal County,  
Arizona ACHP Project Number: 012344; Response to Termination of Consultation

Mr. Christopher Daniel:

On behalf of the over 5000 employees directly and indirectly impacted by the mining industry here in Southern Arizona, the Southern Arizona Business Coalition stands confidently in support of the Resolution Copper Project and the NEPA process that has taken place. This includes the consultation of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). Our involvement spans over five years with the Resolution project.

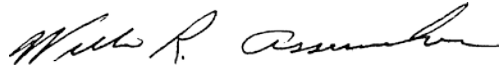
Our organization was dismayed to hear that the ACHP had at the last minute terminated Section 106 consultation on the Resolution Copper Mining Project and Land Exchange and are now inviting public comment on their decision. Further we believe political pressure had been applied by certain federal legislators or their staff to motivate this withdrawal. Their action alienates the Programmatic Agreement and the time and energy invested by all signers to the agreement and the public at large. This action seems to be totally contrary to ACHP mission statement as an Independent Federal Agency established to provide non-partisan factual information to the President and Congress.

As our comments are brief they are not without genuine concern for a NHPA and NEPA processes that allows for honest and open opportunities to find resolve to important concerns expressed during these reviews and consultations. Unfortunately, the sudden withdrawal and current state of pandemic left us unable to thoroughly consult with counsel and more completely detail the legal consequences of the action taken by ACHP.

In closing, we respectfully request that the ACHP sign the programmatic agreement to ensure commitments made to the tribes and local communities contained in the Programmatic Agreement. If however, the ACHP does not revert back to its original position, stating the Section 106 requirements were complied with, we respectfully request the Forest Service move forward and approve the project. We would also ask that commitments noted in the Programmatic Agreement be upheld by the Forest Service.

Thank you for your attention to this most important process and our comments.

Sincerely,



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