NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL LAND-FOR-LAND EXCHANGE

Notice is hereby given that the Forest Service (FS), United States Department of Agriculture, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM), United States Department of Interior are evaluating the exchange of land with Resolution Copper Mining LLC (Resolution), as directed by the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act, P.L. 113-291, Section 3003 (Act). The Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the FS that are being considered for exchange are described as:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 1 S., R. 13 E., sec. 28. that portion lying southerly of the centerline of U.S. 60; sec. 29, SE¹/₄ and Lot 5, that portion lying southerly of the centerline of U.S. 60; sec. 31 (part); sec. 32 (part); and sec. 33.

T. 2 S., R. 12 E., sec. 1 (part), sec. 12 (part)

T. 2 S., R. 13 E., sec. 6 (part); sec. 7 (part).

Tonto National Forest, Pinal County, Arizona

The non-Federal lands are described as:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 7 N., R. 12 E.: H.E.S. No. 151.

Tps. 9 and 9½ N., R. 5 E.: H.E.S. No. 416

T. 7 N., R. 4 E., H.E.S. No. 317

T. 14 N., R. 12 E. sec. 9

T. 2 S., R, 12 E. M.S. 2836 [Panic], M.S. 2837 [Selma Lode Claim (part), Skiberian (part)], M.S. 2838, [Touch Not No. 3, Hillside, Touch Not, Rawhide and Pacific No. 32], M.S. 3581, [Grand]

T. 9 S. R. 17 E. sec. 3, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄; sec. 4, lots 3 and 4, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, W¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

T. 8 S., R. 17 E., sec. 33, W½NW¼, N½SW¼, SE¼SW¼, SW¼SW¼, N½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, NE¼NW¼, N½NE¼SE¼; sec. 32, N½NE¼, SE¼NE¼; sec. 29, E½, E½NW¼; sec. 28, W½SW¼, W½NW¼; sec. 21, SW¼NW¼, W½SW¼; sec. 20, W½, SW¼SE¼, N½NE¼, SE¼NE¼ (part); sec. 20, N½SE¼, SE¼SE¼, SW¼NE¼ (part); sec. 19, E½NE¼, NE¼SE¼ (part); sec. 18, Lot 1, N½NE¼, NE¼NW¼, SE¼NW¼ (part); sec. 17, NW¼, SW¼SE¼, E½SW¼ (part); sec. 7, Lots 2 thru 4, E½SW¼, SW¼SE¼ (part).

T. 8 S., R. 16 E., sec. 12, W½NE¼, SE¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼.

T. 4 S., R. 15 E., sec. 7, N¹/₂SE¹/₄; sec. 8, N¹/₂SW¹/₄.

T. 21 S. R. 18 E. sec. 14, NW¹/4SE¹/4, E¹/2NE¹/4SW¹/4; Lot 2 (part), SW¹/4NE¹/4, E¹/2SE¹/4NW¹/4; Lot 3 (part), SW¹/4NW¹/4, W¹/2SE¹/4NW¹/4. Lot 4 (part), NW¹/4SW¹/4, W¹/2NE¹/4SW¹/4; sec. 15, S¹/2 Lot 4, S¹/2NE¹/4, S¹/2NW¹/4, N¹/2SE¹/4; sec. 17, E¹/2; sec. 28 (part).

Coconino, Gila, Yavapai, Maricopa, Pinal and Sana Cruz Counties, Arizona

Any or all of the above-described lands may be exchanged if the values are equal. As specified in the Act, if the value of the Federal land exceeds the value of the non-Federal lands, Resolution may equalize the values by making a cash payment or add additional land.

The FS and BLM propose to acquire land with floodplains associated with the Lower San Pedro River, Cave Creek, Tangle Creek, Turkey Creek and East Clear Creek.

The Act segregated the Federal lands from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral law.

Persons claiming such properties or having any liens, encumbrances, or other claims relating to the lands being considered for exchange must file their claims or objections within 45 days after the initial date of publication of this notice. E-mail submissions should be sent to: comments@resolutionmineeis.us. Postal submissions should be sent to: Resolution Land Exchange Comments, PO Box 34468, Phoenix, AZ 85067-4468. This outreach is separate and distinct from public scoping which has already been completed for the Resolution Copper Project and Land Exchange Environmental Impact Statement and the Apache Leap Special Management Area Plan. Submissions are limited to those with claims, liens or encumbrances relating to the lands described above.

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