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Terry Rambler
Chairman
P.O. Box 0
San Carlos, Arizona, 85550

Dear Chairman Rambler:

Thank you for your letter dated Sept 17, 2019, regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Resolution Copper Mine project (RCM) and the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange. In your letter you requested an extension of the comment period in order to provide the Tribe more time to review the DEIS. As my staff informed you via email on October 2, 2019, your request to extend the DEIS comment period by 45 days will be accommodated. Please provide comments to the Forest by December 22, 2019.

Thank you for inviting the Forest to attend an open meeting on the Tribe's land regarding the DEIS. We accept your invitation. I make myself and my staff available to present, answer questions, and collect comments. Please have your staff contact Nanabah Lyndon, my Tribal Liaison, to coordinate the date and time.

In regards to providing information on the Tonto National Forest Tribal Monitor Program, I would like to invite you and your staff to a meeting at my office in Phoenix. Again, please have your staff contact Nanabah Lyndon to coordinate.

Enclosed please find the cultural resources information that was shared with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It consists of a summary of work done to meet the requirements of the agency in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This report was also emailed to you on October 3, 2019. The report was completed in April 2018, so it will not reflect any data that has been collected since that date. USACE has assisted with the development and review of the DEIS and versions 5 and 6 of the Programmatic Agreement.

In regards to your request to visit Dripping Springs (Skunk Camp), to gather traditional knowledge, the Tribe is of course welcome to visit the project area (with the exception of private land) at any time. If you would like the assistance of the Forest, my staff is available to host field tours of the area. If you would like to work with the Tribal Monitors, they can lead tours, and can assist in recording traditional knowledge if you so desire. If there is anything else we can do to facilitate the gathering of this knowledge – please let us know.

Thank you for your willingness to review the DEIS. Your participation and comments will help to ensure the Forest is considering tribal concerns throughout the implementation of the project.



To coordinate the public meeting at San Carlos and the meeting in my office, please contact Nanebah Lyndon at nanebah.nezlyndon@usda.gov or 602-621-3507.

Please don't hesitate to ask me if you have any questions or further requests.

Sincerely,

for 
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Forest Supervisor

Enclosures

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