

February 24, 2016

Dear Mr. Wendsler Nosie, Sr., Apache Stronghold, and tribal members,

The 15 undersigned conservation organizations and individuals, representing over 22,000 people, are very pleased to offer our support for the February 26-27, 2016, march from San Carlos to Oak Flat to commemorate the one-year anniversary of Apache Stronghold's efforts to protect Oak Flat.

The organizations and individuals who have signed this letter of support represent a wide range of conservation interests from all around the United States. We have read about your plans to march off the San Carlos Reservation and onto Oak Flat and we fully support your plans to remain at Oak Flat to protect this land from the devastating impacts of copper mining. We acknowledge the impacts of colonization on First Nations throughout the world. We strongly support your efforts to draw attention to the political process that was used to undermine the rule of law in the United States and to convert sacred lands to corporate profit.

Some of us have visited Oak Flat, but many of us have not. We support your efforts because we understand the connection between the land and the people who rely upon that land for their well-being, survival, and spiritual growth. We acknowledge the connection between the health of the land and the health of our own communities and we wish to encourage the protection of landscapes throughout the world, regardless of whether we ever step foot on those landscapes.

We will use our social networks and our contacts to ensure our members are aware of the march and will share information about the events as they unfold. We will contact our Senators and our members of Congress to encourage them to support the Save Oak Flat Act (S. 2242 and H.R. 2811).

With gratitude and much respect for your work and dedication,

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