

APPENDIX C: CONSULTATION LETTERS

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
L7617(IMSIF-MOG)

August 10, 2009

Memorandum

To: Field Supervisor, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Phoenix, AZ

From: Abandoned Mine Lands ARRA Program Manager

Subject: Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Environmental Assessment for
Coronado National Memorial, Grand Canyon National Park,
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Saguaro National Park

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 505-988-6095.

Linda Dansby

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August 10, 2009

Mr. Larry D. Voyles, Director
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Re: Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Environmental Assessment for Coronado National Memorial, Grand Canyon National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Saguaro National Park

Dear Mr. Voyles:

The National Park Service is initiating the planning process to prepare an Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan/Environmental Assessment for Coronado National Memorial, Grand Canyon National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Saguaro National Park. This project would involve correcting health and safety hazards at abandoned mine sites, while protecting important wildlife habitat and cultural resources. A summary of the project is described in the enclosed Project Scoping Brochure. Public scoping will extend until September 8, 2009. This is an American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) project.

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August 10, 2009

James W. Garrison
State Historic Preservation Officer
Arizona State Parks Department
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Dear Mr. Garrison:

In accordance with Section 106 (and Section 110) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, the National Park Service is initiating consultation for our proposal to prepare an Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan for Coronado National Memorial, Grand Canyon National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Saguaro National Park. This project would involve correcting health and safety hazards at abandoned mine sites located throughout the parks, while protecting important wildlife habitat and cultural resources. Concurrent with Section 106 compliance, the National Park Service will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will include abandoned mine lands closure in the four parks. Public scoping for the EA will be used to meet the Section 106 public involvement requirements. A summary of the undertaking is described in the enclosed Project Scoping Brochure. Public scoping will extend until September 8, 2009. This is an American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) project.

Currently, the parks are in the early stages of project planning by performing mine hazard assessments and resource surveys. Determinations of Eligibility (DOE's) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be sent for your review and concurrence. Due to the tight timeline required to obligate funds under ARRA, we will be requesting a 14-day turnaround on the DOE's. We anticipate sending them to you in October. For those properties determined eligible for listing, the National Park Service will propose a Finding of Effect for the undertaking(s) when sufficient documentation is prepared to understand its basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 505-988-6095, or the cultural resource specialist at each park: Dave Evans at Coronado at 520-824-3560, extension 205; Jane Rodgers at Grand Canyon National Park at 928-606-5793; Mark Sturm at Organ Pipe Cactus at 520-387-6849, extension 7100; and Dave Evans at Saguaro at 520-733-5176.

Sincerely,

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ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT
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August 10, 2009

Letter sent to the following tribes:

Dear -----:

In accordance with Section 106 (and Section 110) of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is initiating consultation for our proposal to prepare an Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan. This project would involve correcting health and safety hazards at abandoned mine sites located throughout the park, while protecting important wildlife habitat and cultural resources.

Concurrent with Section 106 compliance, the National Park Service will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will include abandoned mine lands closure in four parks, including Grand Canyon. Public scoping for the EA will be used to meet the Section 106 public involvement requirements. A summary of the undertaking is described in the enclosed Project Scoping Brochure. Public scoping will extend until September 8, 2009. This is an American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) project.

Currently, the park is in the early stages of project planning by performing mine hazard assessments and resource surveys at each mine site. Once sites recommended for closure are identified, the park will consult with you to determine if there are any properties of religious or cultural significance within the area of potential effect.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Sturm, Chief of Resource Management, at (520) 387-6849 extension 7110.

Sincerely,

Lee Baiza
Superintendent

Enclosure: Project Scoping Brochure

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**Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Scoping letter mailing list August 10, 2009**

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In Reply Refer to:
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September 30, 2009

Ms. Linda Dansby
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Dear Ms. Dansby:

Thank you for your August 10, 2009 request to initiate consultation in compliance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), for the National Park Service's (NPS) Abandoned Mine Lands Closure (AMLC) program in four parks in Arizona: Coronado National Memorial, Grand Canyon National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Saguaro National Park. We have reviewed the information you provided and have concluded that we have not received all of the information necessary to initiate section 7 consultation, as outlined in the regulations governing interagency consultations (50 CFR §402.14), on the AMLC program. To complete the initiation package, we will require the following information:

1. A Biological Assessment (BA) that clearly describes the project locations, including maps; a complete project description, including equipment, timing, methodology, conservation measures, etc.; a description of threatened and endangered species or critical habitats that occur in the project areas; and anticipated effects to those resources as a result of the project.
2. Reports of any surveys, research, or monitoring that will inform our evaluation of impacts to listed species and/or critical habitat within the project areas.
3. A determination of effects for all listed species support by the assessment in the BA.

The formal consultation process for this project will not begin until we have received all of the information, or a statement explaining why that information cannot be made available. We will notify you when we have received this additional information; our notification letter will also outline the dates within which consultation should be complete and the biological opinion on the proposed action will be delivered.

At this time we are providing comments as requested in your Project Scoping Brochure. These comments are intended to help you develop the BA, Environmental Assessment, and other documents associated with the AMLC program.

Because the project description in the Scoping Brochure does not specify the exact locations where mine closure work will occur within these four parks, we are providing a general summary of listed species for each park that may be affected. The potential for effects to a given species will depend on the location, type of mine, type of survey or investigation, type of closure, and accessibility of the site. Not all of these species will necessarily be affected. For example, some mines may produce a surface or flowing water source that supports aquatic or amphibian species. However, if none of the mines that are part of this project produce surface waters and associated riparian vegetation, then it is unlikely that any of the aquatic or amphibian species will be impacted. Some effects to species may occur if helicopters are used to implement the project, but these impacts may not be an issue if materials are backpacked in. If significant preparation of the site is needed prior to closure, runoff and sediments may affect species in the same drainage even though they are some distance from the project site. The following is a list of species, by Park, that we believe have some potential to be affected by this project:

Saguaro National Park:

- Chiricahua Leopard Frog (*Lithobates [Rana] chiricahuensis*) – Threatened
- Gila Topminnow (*Poeciliopsis occidentalis occidentalis*) – Endangered
- Lesser Long-Nosed Bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae*) – Endangered
- Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) – Threatened with Critical Habitat

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument:

- Lesser Long-Nosed Bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae*) – Endangered
- Sonoran Pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana sonoriensis*) – Endangered

Coronado National Memorial:

- Chiricahua Leopard Frog (*Lithobates [Rana] chiricahuensis*) – Threatened
- Lesser Long-Nosed Bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuenae*) – Endangered
- Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) – Threatened with Critical Habitat

Grand Canyon National Park:

- Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) – Threatened with Critical Habitat
- Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) – Bald and Golden Eagle Act
- California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) - Endangered
- Southwestern Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax trailii extimas*) – Endangered with Critical Habitat
- Yuma Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) - Endangered
- Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) – Threatened (Mohave Population)

- Humpback Chub (*Gila cypha*) – Endangered with Critical Habitat
- Razorback Sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*) – Endangered with Critical Habitat
- Kanab Ambersnail (*Oxyloma haydeni kanabensis*) - Endangered
- Sentry Milk Vetch (*Astragalus cremnophylax* var. *cremnophylax*) – Endangered

We have the following recommendations regarding project implementation:

- Survey mines proposed for closure for use by listed species and other wildlife.
- Based on surveys or, if surveys are lacking, the potential for species occurrence, implement seasonal construction limitations to avoid sensitive seasons such as nesting, breeding, migration, and seasonal occupancy of areas.
- Consider not closing mines that show wildlife use if human health and safety can be maintained.
- Use an appropriate closure design that will accomplish the objectives of the project, while maintaining wildlife habitat values.
- Post-construction monitoring is essential. Mine closures that implement wildlife conservation measures are not useful unless follow-up monitoring is conducted to assess the success and effectiveness of the measure. It is imperative that we learn from this project so that similar efforts in the future are effective and appropriate.
- Implement Best Management Practices to reduce the footprint of these projects on the landscape. These should include using the least disturbing access techniques and routes, noise reduction, runoff and sediment control, containment of contaminants, etc.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed action and look forward to working with you through consultation to minimize impacts and maximize benefits to listed species. In addition, we commend the efforts of the National Park Service in implementing this program in a manner that conserves the unique wildlife and plant communities of Arizona. If you have any questions regarding our comments, or need any additional information, please contact Scott Richardson at (520) 670-6150 (x 242) or Sherry Barrett (x 223). Thank you for your consideration of endangered species.

Sincerely,


Steven L. Spangle
Field Supervisor

Ms. Linda Dansby

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Superintendent, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Ajo, AZ
Superintendent, Saguaro National Park, Tucson, AZ
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August 31, 2009

AML Closure EA
Coronado National Memorial
Grand Canyon National Park
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Saguaro National Park

Re: Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan for Coronado National Memorial, Grand Canyon National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and Saguaro National Park – AML Closure EA

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the notification for preparing an Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan/ Environmental Assessment (EA). The Department commends the National Park Service for seeking a "blanket" EA for their abandoned mine lands closure efforts. Ideally, this will speed the process for implementing closures on NPS lands. The Department has the following comments for your consideration in preparation of the EA.

In the EA, it is important to evaluate all the methods that could be chosen to close a mine to ensure that a single closure method is not chosen as a "blanket". Each site is unique and will need to be evaluated prior to choosing a closure method. Each site would need to evaluate the species using the mine, seasonal uses, and availability of other sites for the species using the mine to determine the type of closure needed. The EA should also address the "timing" or scheduling of closures, especially those closures that involve exclusion of bats. Lastly, not all mines should be deemed hazardous purely because it is a human-made structure, and therefore, "No action" needs to remain an alternative for some sites.

The EA also needs to include maintenance measures. Some sites will undoubtedly require maintenance of the closure. The EA should address how this activity will be covered, including sites in a wilderness setting. In addition, the EA should address adaptive management methods should a closure need to be modified (i.e. State of Texas Mine on the Coronado National Memorial or Stanton Cave in Grand Canyon National Park).

Lastly, the Department recommends including a discussion of White-nosed syndrome and how management would address the disease should it appear in the West. Some agencies in the eastern U.S. are considering whether to seal sites where white-nose has been recorded.

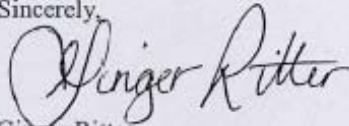
AML Closure EA

August 31, 2009

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. We look forward to continued coordination NPS regarding the AML Closure EA. Please contact me at 623-236-7606 if you have any questions, or would like to further discuss our recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Ginger Ritter

Project Evaluation Project Specialist, Habitat Branch

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In reply, please refer to:
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August 31, 2009

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Intermountain Region Abandoned Mine Lands
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RE: Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan for Coronado National Memorial,
Grand Canyon National Park, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, and
Saguaro National Park

Dear Dansby:

Thank you for sending notice for initial consultation describing the above
referenced plans. I understand that National Park Service will in the future
submit determinations of eligibility for subject properties. Also, I acknowledge
your request for an expedited review period for these submissions of 14 days.
Our office will, to the best of our ability, try to expedite these reviews in order to
assist you in meeting your funding timelines.

If you have any further questions or requests, you may contact me by e-mail at
wcollins@azstateparks.gov.

Sincerely,

William S. Collins, Ph.D.
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State Historic Preservation Office

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August 14, 2009

Lee Baiza, Superintendent
National Park Service, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
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Re: AML Closure EA

Dear Superintendent Baiza,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated August 10, 2009, regarding the National Park Service, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument proposed Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, and the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties. We consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate your continuing solicitation our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office assumes these mines were developed and abandoned by private enterprises pursuant to the 1872 Mining Law, and that now public funding will be used to correct "health and safety hazards at abandoned mine sites located throughout the park."

We further understand that resource surveys will be conducted at each mine site. If prehistoric archaeological sites are identified that will be adversely affected by project activities please provide us with copies of the survey report and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
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THE HOPI TRIBE



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August 14, 2009

Kym A. Hall, Superintendent
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August 31, 2009

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Dear Superintendent Sidles,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated August 17, 2009, and enclosed Scoping Notice for an Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan for Saguaro National Park and three other parks in Arizona. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to the prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group in southern Arizona. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of archaeological sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites that are occupied by the ancestors of Hopi Clans to be Hopi Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the Park's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

And therefore, if the cultural resources survey of the project area identifies prehistoric cultural resources that will be adversely affected by project activities, please provide us with copies of the survey report and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment. If any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during construction they shall be immediately reported as required by law. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. Thank you for your consideration.

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September 1, 2009

National Park Service
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Mr. Lee Baiza
10 Organ Pipe Drive
Ajo, AZ 85321

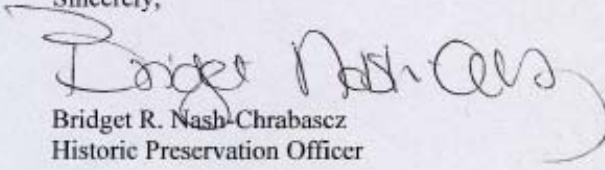
Dear Mr. Baiza,

Thank you for notifying us of the proposed abandoned mine lands closure plan.

While the Quechan Tribe has ties to ORPI, we are deferring to the Tribes located within the proposed closure areas (Hopi, Navajo, Hualapai, Tohono O'odham, Havasupai, etc). The Tribes will have our support in whatever decisions they make.

Thank you again for your notification. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email b.nash@quechantribe.com or phone (760) 572-2423.

Sincerely,


Bridget R. Nash-Chrabascz
Historic Preservation Officer



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September 28, 2009

Jane Rodgers, Deputy Chief Socio-Cultural Resources
National Park Service
Grand Canyon National Park
P.O. Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023-0129

Dear Ms Rodgers:

Our apology for an oversight and missing the deadline date of our response to your request, and that the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department – Traditional Culture Program (NNHPD-TCP) is in receipt of the proposed project regarding a plan for Abandon Mine Lands Closure for abandoned mine sites throughout the Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona.

After reviewing your consultation documents, HPD-TCP has concluded the proposed undertaking/project area **will not impact** any Navajo traditional cultural properties. The HPD-TCP, on behalf of the Navajo Nation has no concerns at this time.

However, the determination made by the HPD-TCP does not necessarily mean that the Navajo Nation has no interest or concerns with the proposed project. If the proposed project inadvertently discovers habitation sites, plant gathering areas, human remains and objects of cultural patrimony the HPD-TCP request that we be notified respectively in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

The HPD-TCP appreciates the Grand Canyon National Park's consultation efforts, pursuant to 36 CFR Pt. 800.1 (c)(2)(iii). Should you have any additional concerns and/or questions, do not hesitate to contact me electronically at tonyjoe@navajo.org or telephone at 928-871-7750. Mr. Kelly Francis will be taking over all Section 106 Consultations soon within the near future.

Sincerely,

Tony H. Joe, Jr., Supervisory Anthropologist (*Section 106 Consultations*)
Historic Preservation Department – Traditional Culture Program

TCP 2009-807

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August 14, 2009

AML Closure EA
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
10 Organ Pipe Drive
Ajo, AZ 85321-9626

Re: Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan
Project Scoping for an Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Baiza: *mwk*

Thank you for the August 10, 2009 Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) scoping announcement with reference to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Ajo, AZ. The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has reviewed the EA scoping announcement and does not have any comments or concerns at this time. Due to the location of the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument along the international border, the USIBWC would like the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Assessment when available. Please add the USIBWC to the mailing list for future correspondence.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on the project. Please keep the USIBWC informed of additional projects near the international border. If you have any questions, please call me at (915) 832-4740.

Sincerely,

Carlos Peña, Jr., P.E.
Division Engineer
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August 14, 2009

AML Closure EA
Coronado National Memorial
4101 E. Montezuma Canyon Rd.
Hereford, AZ 85615

Re: Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan
Project Scoping for an Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Hall:

Thank you for the August 10, 2009 Abandoned Mine Lands Closure Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) scoping announcement with reference to Coronado National Memorial in Hereford, AZ. The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has reviewed the EA scoping announcement and does not have any comments or concerns at this time. Due to the location of the Coronado National Memorial along the international border, the USIBWC would like the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Assessment when available. Please add the USIBWC to the mailing list for future correspondence.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on the project. Please keep the USIBWC informed of additional projects near the international border. If you have any questions, please call me at (915) 832-4740.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos Peña, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

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