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Dear Friend of the National Park Service:

The National Park Service (NPS) has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine the appropriate methods to correct health and safety hazards at abandoned mine lands (AMLs) in four units of the National Park System in the State of Arizona: Coronado National Memorial, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Saguaro National Park, and Grand Canyon National Park. Much of this project will be performed under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*, passed on February 18, 2009, which invests in projects to rebuild the nation's infrastructure.

The NPS is proposing to use a variety of closure methods to correct health and safety hazards at the abandoned mine sites to reduce exposure of park visitors to the dangers posed at these sites, while preserving natural and cultural resource values.

The EA has been prepared in compliance with the *National Environmental Policy Act* to provide the decision-making framework that (1) explores a reasonable range of alternatives to meet project objectives; (2) evaluates potential issues and impacts to park resources and values; and (3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts. Public scoping was conducted to assist with the development of this document.

The EA is available electronically at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CORO>. If you wish to comment on the EA, you may do so by March 15, 2010. Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request to have your personal identifying information withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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