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October 15, 2018

Kerwin S. Dewberry, Forest Supervisor
Attention: Doreen Ethelbah Gatewood, Archaeologist
Coronado National Forest
300 West Congress St.
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Re: Two Troughs, Cedar Springs and Seventy Six Allotment Analysis
Chiricahua FireScape

Dear Forest Supervisor Dewberry,

This letter is in response your correspondence dated September 25, 2018, regarding the United States Forest Service Coronado National Forest continuing consultation regarding the proposed Two Troughs, Cedar Springs and Seventy Six Allotment Analysis on the Safford Ranger District and the Chiricahua FireScape on the Douglas Ranger District.

The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups on the Coronado National Forest, including the Hohokam cultural group. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the Safford Ranger District's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office requests consultation on any proposal with the potential to effect prehistoric cultural resources on the Coronado Forest. In the enclosed letter dated June 11, 2016, we stated that because the Two Troughs, Cedar Springs and Seventy Six Allotment Analysis on the Nogales Ranger District involves ground disturbing activities, if the cultural resources survey of the area of potential effect identifies prehistoric cultural resources that will be adversely affected by project activities, we request continuing consultation including being provided with copies of the survey report and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment. We understand a determination of no adverse effect was made in November, 2016.

In the enclosed letter dated February 12, 2018, regarding the Chiricahua FireScape on the Douglas Ranger District, we reiterated that if the cultural resources surveys of the areas of

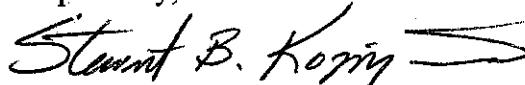
potential effect identify prehistoric cultural resources that will be adversely affected by this proposal, please provide us with copies of the survey report, draft environmental assessment and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

We have now reviewed the enclosed Cultural Resources Survey Strategy for the 140,000 acre Chiricahua FireScape Project and understand 5,351 acres or 3.8% of the project area has been surveyed, 169 archaeological and historic sites have been identified, and project specific cultural resource surveys will address 16 treatment units over ten years or more. We also understand extensive Native American occupation occurred in the nearby Gila River, San Simon, Sulphur Springs and San Pedro Valleys. Therefore, we request continuing consultation on this project including being provided with copies of the cultural resources survey reports for review and comment.

In addition, we appreciate that if any cultural features or deposits are encountered during project activities, these activities will be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains, and the State Historic Preservation Office will be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance, and if any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during construction they shall be immediately reported as required by law.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa, Program Manager
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

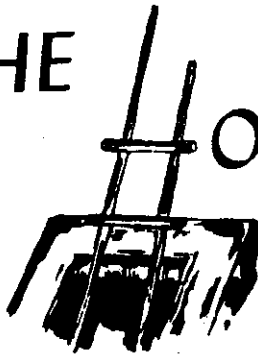
Enclosures: July 11, 2016 and February 12, 2018 letters

xc: Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

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Curtis Booher, Safford Ranger District, 711 14th Ave., Suite D, Safford, Arizona 85546

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February 12, 2018

Kerwin S. Dewberry, Forest Supervisor
Attention: Doreen Ethebah-Greenwood, Tribal Relations Specialist
Coronado National Forest
300 West Congress St.
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Re: Chiricahua FireScape, Douglas Ranger District

Dear Supervisor Dewberry,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated January 31, 2018, regarding the Chiricahua FireScape fuels reduction project on the Douglas Ranger District. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Arizona, including the Hohokam prehistoric cultural group. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of prehistoric archaeological sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. Therefore, we appreciate the Forest's continuing solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office reiterates we are interested in consulting on any proposal that has the potential to adversely affect prehistoric sites on the Forest. Therefore, if the cultural resources surveys of the areas of potential effect identify prehistoric cultural resources that will be adversely affected by this proposal, please provide us with copies of the survey report, draft environmental assessment and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

In addition, if any cultural features or deposits are encountered during project activities, we appreciate that these activities will be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains, and the State Historic Preservation Office will be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance, and if any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during construction they will be immediately reported as required by law. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Morgart at 928-734-3619 or tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us. Thank you for your consideration.

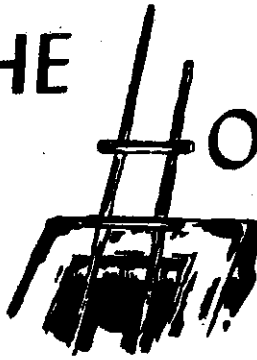
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stewart B. Koyiyumptewa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stewart B Koyiyumptewa, Acting Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

xc: Renee Kuchner, 1192 West Saddleview Road, Douglas, AZ 8560
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July 11, 2016

Kent C. Ellett, District Ranger
Attention: Gwen Dominguez, Project Leader
Coronado National Forest, Safford Ranger District
711 14th Ave., Suite D
Safford, Arizona 85546

Re: Two Troughs, Cedar Springs and Seventy Six Allotment Analysis

Dear Ranger Ellett,

This letter is in response your correspondence dated June 30, 2016, regarding the United States Forest Service Coronado National Forest consultation regarding the proposed Two Troughs, Cedar Springs and Seventy Six Allotment Analysis on the Safford Ranger District.

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The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office requests consultation on any proposal with the potential to effect prehistoric cultural resources on the Coronado Forest. Therefore, because this proposal involves ground disturbing activities, if the cultural resources survey of the area of potential effect identifies prehistoric cultural resources that will be adversely affected by project activities, we request continuing consultation including being provided with copies of the survey report and any proposed treatment plans for review and comment.

In addition, we appreciate that if any cultural features or deposits are encountered during project activities, these activities will be discontinued in the immediate area of the remains, and the State Historic Preservation Office will be consulted to evaluate their nature and significance, and if any Native American human remains or funerary objects are discovered during construction they shall be immediately reported as required by law.

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Respectfully,

Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

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