



White Mountain Apache Tribe

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To: Elizabeth A. Humphrey, Lincoln National Forest Sacramento Ranger District

Date: March 24, 2017

Re: New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Habitat Improvement Project

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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the proposed project, dated February 28, 2017. In regards to this, please attend to the following checked items below.

Please refer to the additional notes in regards to the proposed project:

Thank you for allowing the White Mountain Apache tribe the opportunity to review and respond to the above proposed construction of the habitat improvement projects on the Sacramento Grazing Allotment to aid the protection of the New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, in Otero County, New Mexico, and we've determined the proposed project plans **will not have an impact** on the White Mountain Apache tribe's historic properties and/or traditional cultural properties.

Regardless, any/all ground disturbing activities should be monitored **"if"** there are reasons to believe that there are human remains and/or funerary objects present, and if such remains are encountered they shall be treated with respect and handled accordingly until such remains are repatriated to the affiliated tribe(s).

Thank you. We look forward to continued collaborations in the protection and preservation of places of cultural and historical importance.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Altaha

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