

Ms. Ericka Luna, Supervisor
Tonto National Forest
2324 E. McDowell Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85006

24 July 2025

RE: 2025 FEIS - RV-RC-06 - On the JI Ranch Resolution Copper will open Signal Mountain Road for public access to Tonto National Forest

Dear Supervisor Luna,

Top-of-the-World (TOW) is an unincorporated rural community, part of the Community Working Group (CWG). Concern with wildfire risks at location (scoping) is reiterated.

The area has been recently exposed to devastating wildfires such as the 2021 Telegraph Fire that reached the southern edge of TOW.

Increased public access for recreation such as hunting can raise wildfire risks with unauthorized campfires in difficult areas not patrolled nor monitored by the Forest Service. TOW is vulnerable to wildfire risks already.

TOW is included in the 2025 FEIS (Volume 2 - 3.10.2 Fuels & Fire Management). As stated in the FEIS, TOW has an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 10. Rating of 10 indicates a lack of adequate fire suppression capabilities.

Non-renewals from insurance companies on local residences have been received in recent weeks. There is no dedicated wildfire support to the TOW community. TOW relies on any support provided by the AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management and neighboring communities if they are available.

TOW residents consider above mitigation an unacceptable risk and do not endorse it.

Thank you for your attention.

Warm regards,


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