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Chairman Terry Rambler
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Dear Chairman Rambler;

I once again am forced to submit this letter to you with a heavy heart. The Holy Ground Crosses at Oak Flat have once again been attacked, please see pictures attached. As you know the Holy Ground Ceremony has been a part of us since the beginning and has brought us through so many devastating transitions that our people had to endure. Our religious ways are no different than any other Christian beliefs on how God communicates between heaven and earth.

The U.S. Forest Service, particularly the Tonto National Forest, is aware of these hate crimes happening here at Oak Flats. As of today, we have not received any responses in our reporting and their investigation of these hate crimes. Yet, they push consultation for the benefit of Resolution Copper and not for Indigenous people, the environment and not to even consider the sustainability for the future of all mankind. I am very tired of the United States since their inception and claims of ownership have suppressed us all to live their corporate life.

They must act now to save what is God's way of life by holding Resolution Copper and these vigilantes accountable for the desecration of Mother Earth and religious ceremonies. So, I again, ask my Tribe for assistance to report this hate crime to the United States. The desecration of the Holy Ground Crosses had to have happened after 9:00 pm last night, because an individual prayed at the Crosses around 9:00 pm and the Crosses were found desecrated this morning.

I am also submitting this letter to surrounding Mayors that if they get any information, please give it to the USFS because the individuals may be boasting regarding this desecration which has just occurred.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendsler Nosie Sr.'.

Wendsler Nosie Sr.
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cc: San Carlos Apache Vice Chairman, San Carlos Apache Tribal Council, Vernelda Grant, Michael Nixon, Luke Goodrich, Deb Krol, Mayors of Superior, Globe, Miami. Hayden, Reverend Barber, Reverend John Mendez