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San Carlos, AZ – Apache Stronghold is marking the one-year anniversary of the occupation of sacred Chi'chil Bildagoteel, also known as Oak Flat. The year-long encampment has drawn support to protect Oak Flat from destruction by the proposed largest copper mine in North America.

Apaches, Tribal leaders and supporters, representing scores of groups that have endorsed the struggle, will “walk off the reservation” on Friday February 26th and spend the night in Globe, Arizona. The walk will continue the next day and end at Oak Flat with ceremonies and a unification of tribes and others committed to protect this sacred place.

The public is invited to join Apache Stronghold in the march and the events that will take place February 26-27, 2016.

Schedule of Events (see flyer for detailed schedule)

Thursday, February 25 – events begin at Old San Carlos at 10 a.m.

Friday, February 26 – 7:30 a.m. Run begins at Old San Carlos, runners and walkers will continue to Fry's(Globe, AZ)

Saturday, February 27 – 8 a.m. Walkers and runners start for Oak Flat and enter Oak Flat together.

Saturday, February 27 – Ceremonial groups from different Tribes including Apache Gaans, Aztec Dancers, Pomo, and others will conduct blessings for Oak Flat followed at 7pm by a Concert at Oak Flat Campground featuring live art by Carrie Sage Curley, Tom Grey Eyes, and Jake Toledo. Musical performances by Stephanie Sallee, Selena Curley, Almas Fronterizas, Kwas E. Bishop, Yaz Like Jawz and more.

More information about the February 26-27 events can be found at www.Apache-Stronghold.com or on the [Apache Stronghold Facebook page](#).

Respectfully,

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