



April 24, 2025

**Via hand delivery and electronic filing**

Scott S. Harris, Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543

**Re: *Apache Stronghold v. United States*, No. 24-291**

Dear Mr. Harris:

I write to update the Court on recent developments relevant to the pending petition in *Apache Stronghold v. United States*, No. 24-291.

As noted in our April 18 letter, the federal Respondents recently announced that they intend to publish the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the planned mine at Oak Flat as early as June 16. That publication triggers a statutory obligation for the federal Respondents to convey Oak Flat to Resolution Copper.

On April 18, Petitioner's counsel emailed federal Respondents' counsel and asked if, in order to protect this Court's ability to review the case should it decide to do so, and in order to obviate the need for any emergency proceedings, federal Respondents would agree to publish any FEIS no earlier than 60 days after entry of this Court's judgment (if the pending petition for certiorari is granted) and no earlier than 60 days after the petition is denied (if the petition is denied).

On April 22, federal Respondents replied that they would not agree to the proposal. On April 24, in a telephone conference to discuss emergency proceedings, federal Respondents' counsel further informed Petitioner's counsel that federal Respondents want to consummate the land exchange without delay.

This evening, Petitioner filed in the district court an emergency motion for an injunction prohibiting federal Respondents from publishing the FEIS and transferring Oak Flat to Resolution Copper during the pendency of the petition and



any resulting merits proceedings in this Court. Petitioner has requested a ruling on that motion by May 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Luke W. Goodrich

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