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Proposed Removal/Mining of Volcanic Tuff Stockpile Near Skull Valley

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Sent: Thu May 07 2015 05:25:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Rowle P Simmons <web.bos.district1@yavapai.us>
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From: Thomas Thurman <Thomas.Thurman@yavapai.us>
Sent: Thu May 07 2015 08:20:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Hawes, David" <rhawes@blm.gov>
CC: Marlyn Summers <Marlyn.Summers@yavapai.us>
Subject: RE: Proposed Removal/Mining of Volcanic Tuff Stockpile Near Skull Valley

I already heard from on the folks out there that I've known for years that they are very concerned about

traffic and dust. I can tell as a county person our roads dept. may have concern also with safety. Remediation is a good thing and jobs are also good as long as it doesn't reduce water tables to far and ruin the locals air. We do not have a PM-10 particulate ordinance in Yavapai county. One word of info , state Senator Judy Burges has a home off of Windmill drive too.

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From: Barbara Fox-Thomas <Barbara.Fox-Thomas@yavapai.us>
Sent: Fri May 08 2015 09:50:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Hawes, David" <rhawes@blm.gov>
CC: Rowle Simmons <Rowle.Simmons@yavapai.us>, Steven Mauk <Steven.Mauk@yavapai.us>

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Good morning Mr. Hawes,

Thank you for returning my call yesterday afternoon. We appreciate your willingness to be present at the meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Skull Valley Community Center located at 3150 Old Skull Valley Road. My cell number is 928.499.4586.

We will be having dinner at the Skull Valley diner (just re-opened) at 5:00 p.m. please join us (provided they are open)! I will let you know as the new operators have changed their hours.

Best regards,



Barbara Fox-Thomas

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