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# PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Superior High School  
Superior, Arizona

October 20, 2016



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# Tonight's Agenda

Time:	Activity:
5:00 – 5:30	Open House – view maps and info
5:30 – 6:00	Forest Service Presentation
6:00 – 6:30	Question & Answer Session
6:30 – 8:00	Interactive Planning Workshop



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# *A Few Reminders for Tonight's Gathering*

- ❑ We are not here to discuss the Resolution Copper Mining General Plan of Operations or the Land Exchange.
- ❑ We wish to foster an environment of mutual respect. Please listen patiently as others express themselves and contribute in ways you believe will be most helpful.
- ❑ Questions are welcome after the presentation! Please hold your questions until that time.





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# *Welcome & Opening Remarks*



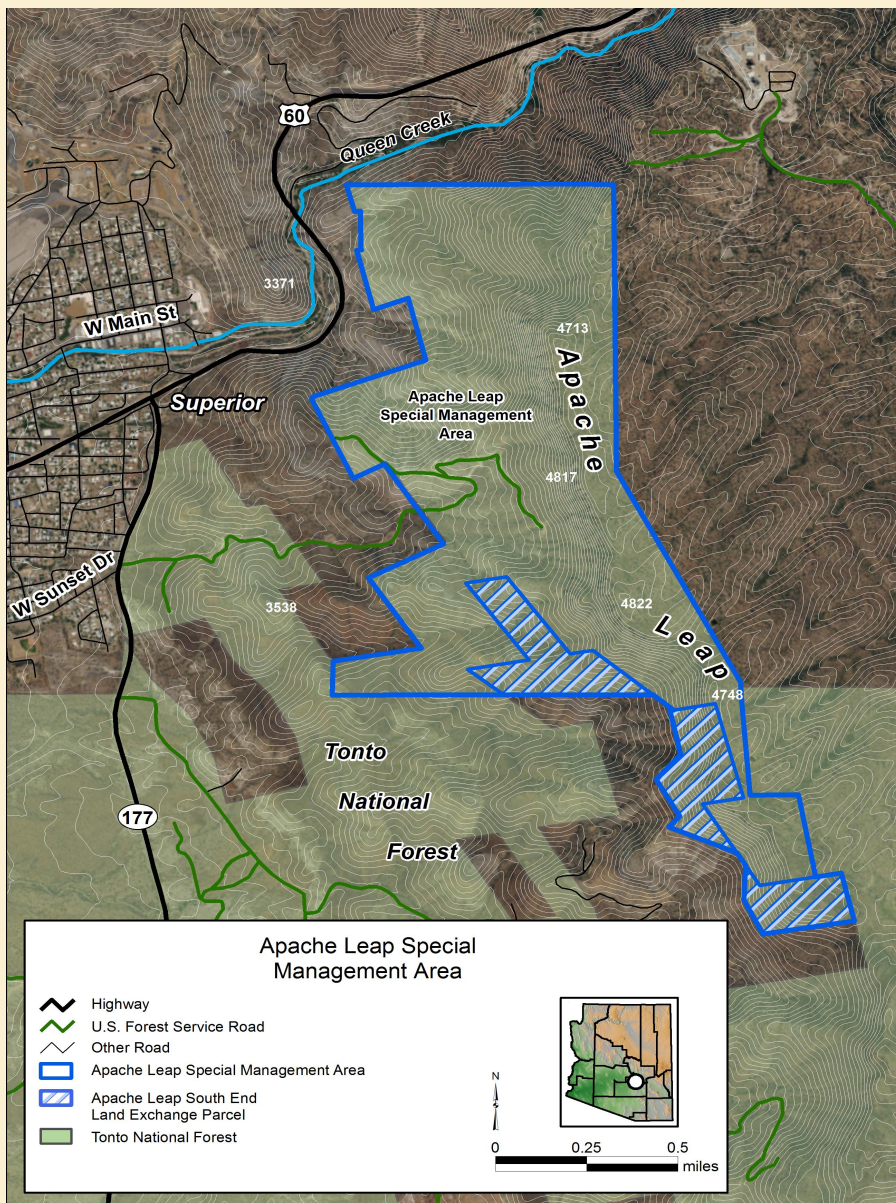


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# *What are the Goals for this Public Workshop?*

- ❑ Explain why the Forest Service is preparing a special area management plan
- ❑ Understand Congress' direction for the area
- ❑ Share information about Apache Leap:
  - *How do you use and value the area?*
- ❑ Gather your input for managing the area - given the area's designated purpose

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### *What is the Apache Leap Special Management Area?*

- ❑ An area designated by Congress - National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2015
- ❑ Section 3003. “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation”
- ❑ Total Area: 807 acres:  
Tonto National Forest = 697 acres  
Resolution Copper = 110 acres



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### *Primary Purpose(s)*

- ❑ To preserve the natural character of Apache Leap
- ❑ To allow for traditional uses of the area by Native American people
- ❑ To protect and conserve the cultural and archeological resources of the area



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### *Authorized Activities*

- ❑ Installation of seismic monitoring equipment on the surface and subsurface to protect the resources located within ALSMA
- ❑ Installation of fences, signs, or other measures necessary to protect the health and safety of the public
- ❑ Operation of an underground tunnel and associated workings, as described in Resolution Copper's General Plan of Operations, subject to any terms and conditions the Secretary of Agriculture may reasonably require



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### *Other Considerations*

Include additional measures necessary to:


- ❑ Protect the cultural, archeological, or historical resources of Apache Leap
- ❑ Provide access for recreation



View looking west from eastern boundary of Apache Leap SMA

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# Project Timeline

Major Milestones	Time Period
 Consult with affected Indian tribes, the Town of Superior, interested members of the public, and Resolution Copper for input on plan development	September – December 2016
Prepare Management Plan	Jan – March 2017
Public Comment Period on Management Plan	March – April 2017
Conduct Environmental Assessment	March – June 2017
Environmental Assessment Objection Period	July – Nov 2017
Issue Decision Notice	December 2017



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# *What to Expect in a Management Plan*

Plan Component	Purpose
Desired Conditions	Describe how the plan area should look in the future
Objectives	Statement of the desired rate of progress toward a desired condition(s)
Standards/ Guidelines	Constraints on project and activity decision-making to help achieve desired conditions, avoid or mitigate undesirable effects, or to meet applicable legal requirements
Land Suitability	Areas identified as suitable/not suitable for certain uses or activities based on desired conditions
Map	Identification of area boundaries

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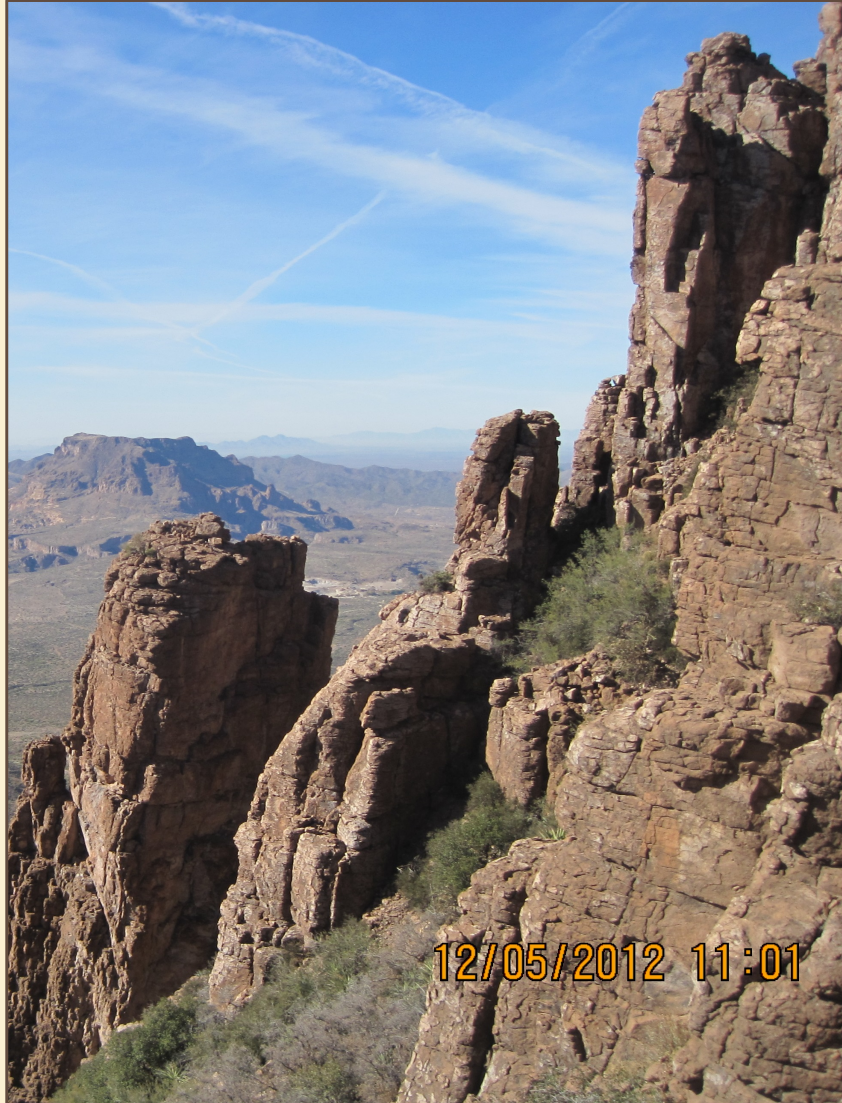
### *A Plan for Apache Leap should...*

- Provide strategic vision  
(from 30,000 ft. perspective)
- Identify the management focus –  
how the agency intends to achieve  
the area purposes & desired  
conditions
- Establish a framework of suitable  
uses and activities in harmony with  
the area's purpose(s)
- Guide future project and activity  
decision making for the area





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## *Current Uses & Features*

- ❑ Climbing, hiking, mountain biking
- ❑ Vegetation & raptor monitoring
- ❑ Livestock grazing, hunting
- ❑ Power transmission corridor
- ❑ Extremely rugged terrain
- ❑ Limited access points available on east & west sides, outside of the SMA boundary



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# Question & Answer Session





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# Workshop Questions

- Do you currently use the Apache Leap area? If so, how?
- What is important to you about how this area is managed to protect natural & cultural resources?
- What are some ways that access for recreation and other activities can be considered while protecting the natural & cultural resources of the area?
- Imagine that you are visiting this area 25-30 years from now. Describe your desired experience.

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# How to Stay Involved

- ❑ Visit the project website: [www.ApacheLeapSMA.us](http://www.ApacheLeapSMA.us)
- ❑ Send written input to the Tonto National Forest:

Apache Leap SMA  
P.O. Box 34468  
Phoenix, AZ 85067-4468

*(Written input is most useful if received by November 21, 2016)*

- ❑ Participate in future opportunities in early 2017:
  - draft management plan
  - environmental assessment