

# Community Engagement

Resolution Copper is making one of the most significant private investments in Arizona history, developing one of the world's largest untapped copper deposits in Arizona's Copper Triangle. Once in operation, the mine could supply up to one-quarter of the nation's copper demand.

## Public engagement has shaped this project every step of the way.

The lead agency charged with overseeing the Federal approval process, the United States Forest Service (USFS), has spent nearly a decade gathering insights from local leaders, Native American tribes, NGOs, community organizations and businesses. The agency also communicates with officials at all levels of government to ensure they understand the project.

Simultaneously, Resolution Copper has participated in hundreds of separate parallel engagements, including community working groups, to collect input to help shape the project.

## Rigorous, Transparent Federal Approval Process



Before mining begins, Resolution Copper must obtain all permits and approvals from county, state, and federal governments. Since 2013, the USFS has overseen an extensive independent Federal review of the project, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The agency's study involves multiple rounds of feedback from local communities, advocacy groups, and other government agencies. Also, consultation, coordination and collaboration with Native American tribes who have historical ties to the area. The USFS must issue a final environmental impact statement (EIS) in order for any land exchange to be completed.

## Responding to Community Members and Native American Tribes



As a result of years of consultations, significant changes went into the project design, including:

- Reducing land exchange request from 3,025 acres to 2,422 acres, excluding Gaan Canyon, Apache Leap, and portions of Oak Flat
- Setting aside 697 acres of mining claims and provided 142 acres of privately-held land to protect and preserve Apache Leap
- Identifying a preferred alternative site for tailings, alternative pipelines and power line locations
- Providing access for existing climbing, new access for bouldering and new multi-use recreational trails
- Ongoing access to Oak Flat Campground for as long as it is safe, for at least the next few decades
- Funding a multi-year Emory Oak Restoration and Conservation Program, which is being led by the USFS and Native American tribes



## NEPA process

Years of community consultation before mining begins

**APR 2013**

Community Working Group forms to work through components of mine plan before submitting to USFS

**NOV 2013**

Resolution Copper submits a detailed mine plan

**DEC 2014**

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) signed requiring Final EIS before land exchange

**JUL 2015**

USFS initiates government-to-government consultation on land exchange with Native American tribes

**JAN 2016**

USFS begins independent review of project

**MAR 2016**

Public Scoping Period (75 days longer than required)\*

**AUG 2017**

Alternative Development\*

**AUG 2019**

USFS publishes Draft EIS, followed by extended public comment period per tribes' request\*

**2020**

USFS expected to issue Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision (ROD)\*

**NEXT STEPS**

Land Exchange Executed within 60 days of Final EIS publication

\* indicates a public comment period



## Listening to Native American Tribes

We respect the sovereignty of Native American tribes, and the hundreds of government-to-government consultations with tribal and cultural heritage leaders that have played an essential role in shaping this project. For more than a decade, interested Native American tribes have been working side-by-side with government officials and the project to understand and document the historical and cultural importance of the area. We work together with tribes to provide long term employment, job training, education, and commercial opportunities for Native American-owned businesses.



## Restoring the Natural Beauty of the Copper Corridor

Resolution Copper is committed to making the local community area a cleaner and safer place to live and work. That's why we invested \$80 million and spent 15 years to restore 231 acres of the old Magma Copper West Plant. As a result of our reclamation efforts, an area that formerly stored mine tailings is now home to thriving native vegetation and wildlife. And by hiring local workers for the project, we've created jobs for our neighbors.



## Protecting Native American Cultural Heritage

In 2018, Resolution Copper funded a new Tribal Monitor program hosted by the USFS. The program ensures tribal members are a part of the process to identify areas, resources, and sites of importance and support informed decision-making. The first-of-its-kind program for the USFS trains and employs more than 30 members from seven Native American tribes to work alongside archaeologists.

★ **30,000+**

**Public comments helped shape the Forest Service review process**



### Fostering Open Community Dialogue

Our Community Working Group (CWG) includes businesses, area leaders and local organizations interested in the project and committed to the community. CWG meets monthly to discuss the latest project development, helping us stay connected with local citizens, understand their concerns, and make fully informed decisions. Also, CWG performs community water quality sampling alongside Resolution Copper.



### Minimizing Our Overall Impact

We have been committed to mitigating the impact of this project from day one and will continue to be through the end of operations. We're working collaboratively with the community to ensure the legacy we create is one of positive, lasting benefits. We're continually seeking ways to make our operations more sustainable, improve product life cycles, increase biodiversity, and reduce our carbon footprint.

★ **\$2.2 MILLION**

**Contributed to more than 280 local initiatives, spanning education, environment, community development, arts and culture since 2016**

★ **\$700,000**

**Awarded to more than 200 local students, including those from surrounding Native American tribes, through Resolution Copper-funded scholarship program since 2002**



### Investing in the Future

In 2019, Resolution Copper committed to a four-year \$1.2 million agreement with the Superior Unified School District, including providing support for STEM and robotics programs at local schools. We've also established a robust training and apprenticeship program to prepare more local workers for employment at our state-of-the-art mine.



### Doing Our Part to Help in a Time of Crisis

We're providing \$780,000 to help communities with COVID-19 response and recovery at a local level. We've worked hard to keep our people safe and also provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to communities and emergency responders. We joined with United Food and other partners to distribute over 50,000 canned drinking water and donate more than 233,000 meals to communities hard-hit by COVID-19. Also, funds will secure access to technology for students learning remotely, support domestic violence shelters, provide small business grants to local entrepreneurs, and so much more.