

Oak Flat update from Wendsler Nosie Sr.

Blessings to all. The struggle to Save Oak Flat from mining by Resolution Copper is important to Apaches, Indian Country and all Americans. We have important actions taking place at this time. The nearest is the Budget Reconciliation Bill that will soon be voted on in the House of Representatives and the US Senate. Currently the Save Oak Flat bill is included in this must pass bill, whether it makes it to final vote depends on the negotiations of all US Representatives and US Senators. We currently are asking everyone to contact their Congressmen to keep the Bill in the Reconciliation bill.

The next action, is the appeal to the ninth circuit for a preliminary injunction to halt action by the United States in the exchange to Resolution Copper until the court case, Apache Stronghold vs United States is complete. The Injunction hearing is scheduled for October 22nd at the Ninth Circuit court in San Francisco. In order to render a decision, the judges will need to address the merits of the case. In the last Injunction hearing, the US Government pulled the Final Environmental Impact statement which caused the imminent harm requirement to not



be met, Apache Stronghold, we, have appealed. The US is currently contacting Tribes to bargain with them regarding their positions with regard to the land exchange.

There are several issues which will be affected by the Court's final outcome, treatment of treaty land where the US did not take congressional action to take possession of, which they put into public domain and made agreements to exchange without rights to the property.

And Is Apache religion considered a religion? when considering religious freedom and

religious laws in the U.S.?

Those interested to take part, please contact us at www.apache-stronghold.com. This is a crucial moment that will have everlasting effects. I have always been grateful to serve you as a Councilman, as your former Chairman, and worked with the tribal Government for over 30 years. If it were not for our Elders, and my Family's belief and prayers from so many of you, I would have never defended the land, people and the future of our children. So I thank you,

Wendsler Nosie Sr.