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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Dear Homeowner:

It has been several weeks since we visited your community to talk about a proposal we were considering with Red Mountain Mining Inc., about an exchange of property. Since that time, I have heard from many of you who voiced concerns about this idea.

Let me first assure you that we have not made a final decision about this exchange. In fact, your comments have encouraged our office to explore many options as we look at how to best manage this land. I will say that in our 1989 Resource Management Plan that this parcel, among many others, is identified for disposal or exchange. This is due to its isolated location from other BLM-managed land and the management challenge it presents to our staff. We have not, however, begun the long and official process of initiating an exchange with Red Mountain Mining, Inc.

Representatives from Congressman Flake's office as well as City Councilman Rex Griswold have both taken an interest in this issue. We will be meeting with them in the next few weeks to provide information and answer questions. We are still considering options and evaluating input and have yet to reach a decision on our course of action.

I also understand that you have been getting together and may have some information to share with us, which we would be happy to receive. I want to keep the lines of communication open as we move forward and consider management options for BLM-managed land adjacent to your properties.

I have enclosed a [map](#) of the area, which you have requested to give us all a better view of the area. Please feel free to continue to communicate with our office. Here is an e-mail address that we established for your comments: red_mountain@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Teri Raml, Manager
Phoenix Field Office

Attachment:
[Map](#) (1)

cc: Mary Ann Baumbach, Office of Congressman Flake
City Councilman Rex Griswold, City of Mesa