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State Historic Preservation Office
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Re: Iron King Mine - Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site ("Site"), Yavapai County, AZ

Dear Mr. Jacobs,

Thank you for your continued participation in this project. EPA concurs with the eligibility recommendation that the two sites, the Iron King Mine [AZ N:7:430 (ASM)] and the Humboldt Smelter [AZ N:8:71 (ASM)], are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D. After consultation the SHPO on the cultural and historical work conducted to date at the Site, the EPA has determined that the Cultural Resource and Historic Building Survey, prepared by Archaeological Consulting Services, Ltd. ("ACS"), adequately inventories and evaluates the significance of historical and cultural resources at the Site.

After further consultation with the SHPO, EPA has determined that the information potential of the sites has been realized through the existing documentation. It is EPA's position that significant additional archaeological testing would not add to the information potential of the sites and would potentially expose archeological workers to unnecessary risks from physical and chemical hazards. To this end, EPA recommends only additional cultural resource work in the area of the unmarked historic gravesite within Locus 4 of the Iron King Mine. EPA will disinter and relocate the remains according to state laws pertaining to unmarked and unregistered cemeteries and graves prior to any disturbance from remedial activities in the area. EPA will follow the recommendations in the report pertaining to this gravesite and will coordinate with the SHPO throughout the planning and execution process. Once the burial removal is completed, EPA's project will have no adverse effect on the characteristics of the sites that qualify them for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please feel free to contact me at (415) 972-3199 or send an e-mail to butler.leah@epa.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leah Butler
Superfund Division

Cc: Brian Stonebrink, ADEQ

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