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## *The Great Oak Flat Land Giveaway*

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*View the Video at  
[www.AZminingreform.org](http://www.AZminingreform.org)*

*Video Production Directed and Edited by  
Bryan O'Neal, Director of Photography;  
Ruben Ruiz; Produced by Roger Featherstone.*



Biographies of citizens interviewed  
in the video.

# Concerned Citizens & Retired Miners Coalition

We are a group of citizens who: 1) reside in Superior, Arizona, or do not reside in Superior, Arizona, but are affiliated with relatives who are residents; 2) are retired hard-rock miners who previously worked in the now non-operational mine in Superior, Arizona, and were displaced due to mine closure or personal disability; or 3) are individuals who are concerned that important U.S. public recreational land will be conveyed to a foreign mining company for private use.

We are not opposed to mining. In fact, we strongly support responsible mining practices in and around its community of Superior, Arizona. However, we oppose the federal land exchange bill because it proposes to hand over Oak Flat Campground to Resolution Copper Company without the necessary potential health, water and environmental impacts analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This is public land, and the public must be heard openly and fairly under the NEPA process.

Because of these concerns, we held a special meeting on March 18, 2009. During this meeting it was a unanimous vote to approve and pass a formal Resolution in support of and partnership with the San Carlos Apache Tribe in opposition of the "Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2009" and to Save Oak Flat Campground. We are proud to be united with the Tribe in this effort!

## Individuals Interviewed in "The Great Oak Flat Land Giveaway" Video Production

**Roger Featherstone.** Director of the Arizona Mining Reform Coalition. Former Southwest Circuit Rider for Earthworks and Director of Alaskans for Responsible Mining. Roger has spent a lifetime protecting public lands and wildlife from inappropriate development — especially mining — as an organizer, strategist, and policy analyst. Mr. Featherstone also is a remodeler and builder.

**Manuel Ortega.** Second generation Superiorite. Born and raised in Superior, Arizona. Graduated from Superior High School. 20 years open pit mining/smelter at Kennecott in Hayden, Arizona. 2 years underground at Magma in Superior. United Steel Workers Local #8093 Shop Steward, President and Negotiator. Currently retired. Chairman of the Concerned Citizens & Retired Miners Coalition.

**Roy C. Chavez.** Third generation Superiorite. Born and raised in Superior, Arizona. Graduated from Superior High School. Bachelor of Science, Arizona State University. Several years open pit and underground mining at Hecla, Kennecott, Magma Mine and BHP. Previous 3 term Superior Mayor and 5-year Town of Superior Manager. Past president of the Superior Chamber of Commerce; current President of the Superior Rotary Club and member of the Superior Historical Society and the Superior Optimist Club. Owned and operated a local business in downtown Superior for over 30 years. Currently works for a regional governmental organization.

**Henry Munoz.** Third generation Superiorite. Born and raised in Superior, Arizona. Graduated from Superior High School. Henry, his father and grandfather, represent over 100 years of mining in the area. 23-year journeyman mining background includes over 13 years of block-cave experience at Magma Mine and BHP, San Manuel, Arizona. 3-term Town Councilmember involved in a wide variety of community service activities. After many years of the "boom and bust" cycles of mining, he currently works for the State of Arizona. Member of Concerned Citizens & Retired Miners Coalition.

**Sylvia Barrett.** Raised in Superior. Graduated from Superior High School. Four generations of Sylvia's family have worked as miners. Worked underground as a mucker and cager in Superior, AZ at the Magma mine. One of the first group of seven women to work underground for Magma. Vice Chairperson of Concerned Citizens & Retired Miners Coalition.

**Danny Avendano.** Second generation Superiorite. Born and raised in Superior, Arizona and life-long resident. Life-long underground miner at Magma Mine, Superior, Arizona. Retired.

**Carolyn Gray.** Superior, Arizona resident for 15 years. Retired Superior Unified School District teacher of 10+ years. Bachelor of Visual Arts, Georgia State and Masters in Fine Arts, University of Arizona. Small business woman artist who follows the Native American path. Member of Concerned Citizens & Retired Miners Coalition.

**Frank N. Weltmer.** Third generation Superiorite—grandfather was the Magma Mine Engineer. Superior, Arizona resident for 20 years. Bachelor of Science, Arizona State University. Retired stucco contractor. Member of Tohono Chul Park, Tucson, Arizona, Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park, Superior, Arizona and the Concerned Citizens & Retired Miners Coalition.

**Chairman Wendsler Nosie Sr.** Elected as Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe in November, 2006. Prior to being elected as Chairman he had represented the Peridot District of the San Carlos Apache Tribe as a Tribal Council Member from 2004-2006 and also from 1988-1992. Active in many social and environmental causes throughout his life, especially as it relates to preserving the culture, language and history of Native Americans. In his official and individual capacity, he has traveled throughout the world and communicated the importance of recognizing the unique role Native Americans can play in our ever-changing society.

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