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Interested Party:

This letter has been sent to you to notify you about a proposal in which the United States of America would grant certain federally owned lands under the authority of the Education Land Grant Act (ELGA) (114 Stat. 368; 16 U.S.C. 479a) to the Holbrook Unified School District #3, Navajo County, Arizona. Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the public notice that provides background information regarding their application and the law that authorizes this land grant to the school district. The 0.86088 acre, more or less, property is located at 215 N. 11th Avenue, Holbrook, Arizona.

The Holbrook Unified School District #3 wants to acquire title to the federally owned land that was purchased by the Forest Service in 1958 and once served as the Sitgreaves National Forest motor pool. The property was used from 1958 through 1974, with only sporadic use since 1974. The school district currently has a Forest Service special use permit for parking school busses on the property. The school district's bus barn and maintenance yard is located across the street from the property. The planned use for the federally owned land would continue to be to support the school district's educational facilities.

At this time, the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests is initiating scoping for environmental analysis in response to the school district's application. This letter offers you an opportunity to provide input into the decision-making process concerning the school district's request for conveyance of the federally owned land. Any comments you may have concerning this proposal should be submitted in writing within 45-days from the date of this letter, to Forest Supervisor, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Attention: Joe Sitarzewski, P.O. Box 640, 30 S. Chiricahua Drive, Springerville, Arizona 85938, FAX 928-333-5966. Electronic comments are also welcome, and should be addressed to comments-southwestern-apache-sitgreaves@fs.fed.us (subject line = Holbrook School ELGA).

Please contact Joe Sitarzewski in this office at (928) 333-6267 if you have any questions concerning this project or wish to obtain additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Deryl D. Jevons
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Acting Forest Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Joseph Sitarzewski

