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Monday, March 31, 2008

Ms. Diana Wood  
Section of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Wood:

I have been aware of many of the issues relating to the rail spur that is proposed, running from the existing east-west railway track, going north to the newly opened Freeport McMoRan copper mine. Recently I have been notified of a possible problem with some of the details of the easements and rights of way, concerning private land along the proposed route.

I would like to formally register a couple of concerns:

1. I understand that the width of the environmental study was 500 feet to follow the center line of the proposed track. I understand that the actual width of land needed is only 40 feet or so. My concern and that there is not a 500 ft. impact on the land, as the route is finalized.
2. I was told of the possibility that the railroad route would involve the capping or closure of wells that were located within the 500 ft. area of study. I would certainly be concerned if any wells were closed, as water in Arizona is an important and scarce commodity.
3. I would like to make sure that any damage done to any land owner or stake holder along the railway would be fully mitigated and compensated as part of the process, including an assessment as to adverse affects, if any, caused by the railway.

I have submitted a letter of support for the railroad spur, and still support the project -- but my support might be in question if any of the above concerns were not fully addressed and met.

I appreciate you and your agency and your attention to our city and the Gila Valley. We look forward to seeing you again here in Safford should you choose to honor us with a visit.

Sincerely,



Ronald M. Green, Mayor  
Safford, Arizona