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June 27, 2003

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Phoenix, Arizona**

Ms. Elaine Zielinski
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Department of the Interior
222 North Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004

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Dear Ms. Zielinski:

I wish to bring to your attention a matter concerning **Ex. 6** who has encountered a problem with hazardous slash at a BLM dumping site.

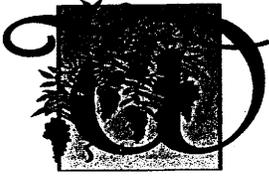
Because the situation is under your jurisdiction, I am respectfully referring this matter to you for consideration. I feel that this issue would be better addressed by you and request that you respond directly to **Ex. 6**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John McCain
United States Senator

JM/xnm
Enclosure



Ex. 6

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JUN 25 2003

June 21, 2003

Mr. Ex. 6
Bureau of Land Management
2475 Beverly Ave.
Kingman, Az. 86401-3629

Dear Ex. 6 :: We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your help in reducing the extreme danger of the dumping of cut logs and tree branches up here in our closed dump area.. While there is still some remaining danger your help has been greatly appreciated in reducing that threat.. Those large and smaller but still big piles that remain, have cut logs in them of the 8 to 10/11 inch diameter and it would be of great help if those piles were pulled apart with the tractor and those cut logs removed, thus greatly reducing the size of the brush piles and there height., then maybe the folks you got to come and remove the other cut up logs, could come and remove these, again reducing more of the danger... We that live up here,, do truly need an area,, to put the removed brush and pine needles, and I know that the old closed toxic dump was a close and easy spot, "not the best", but close, it is also a very dangerous area, for the prevailing winds that come from that direction,, push every thing, right into this little Pine Lake community and its 100 or so homes and families that live here.

Ex. 6 those of us that live really close to this dump would once again like to ask your help in getting these brush and log piles reduced a little more, so that we may feel some what safer, just in case, heaven forbid that some thing like the Mt. Lemmon thing would happen here or that lighting just might strike that old closed dump,, brush & log,, piles,, that are being accumulated there.. Ex. 6, again thanking you for your help in this important matter and worry to us up here...

Sincerely:

Ex. 6

.CC's
.John R. Christensen & Sen. Mc Cain

This is a very dangerous practice - and they never have the same people working on training twice -

It is not a good or safe practice - and very dangerous to the homes and families and children that live here - 12 miles from Kingman, AZ
Hualapai mts



These were piled high to be burnt in the training to burn the valley - Hualapai

10-11:14 AM

Pine Lake & Pine Lake Valley - Hualapai mts - near Kingman, AZ,

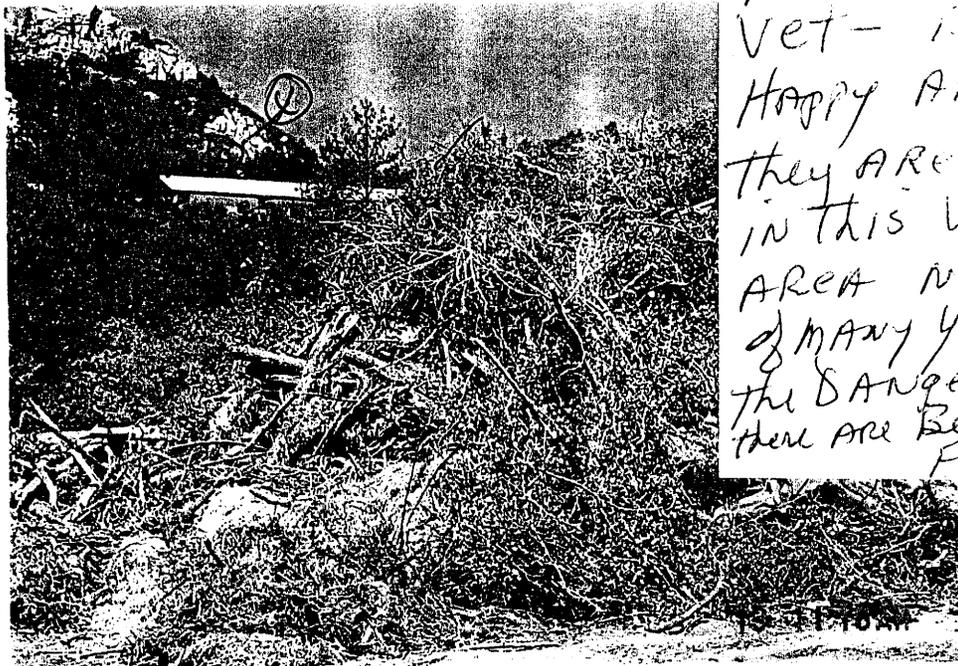
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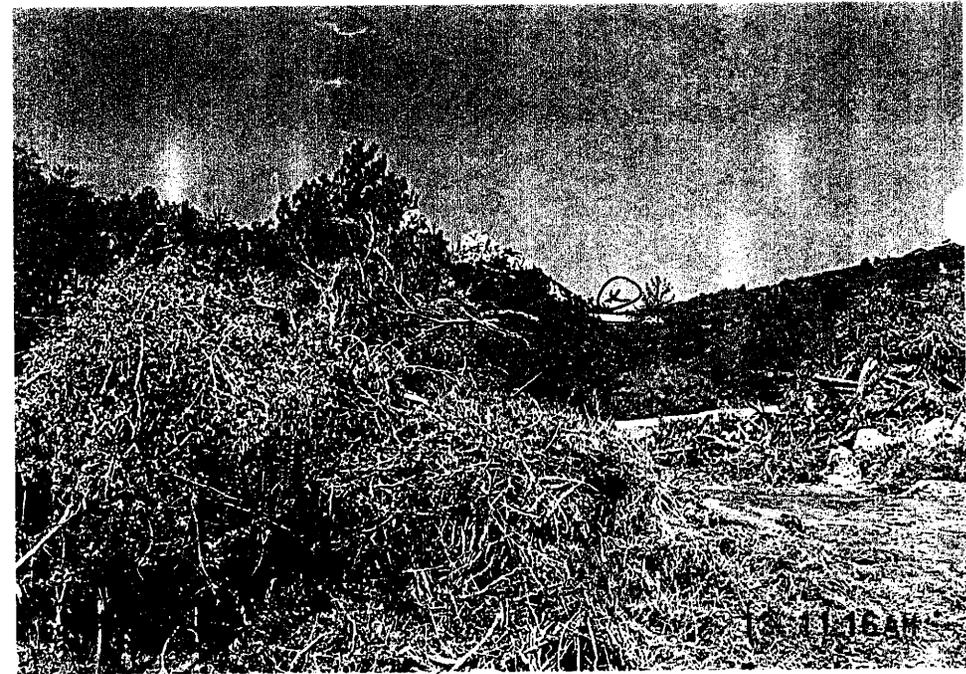
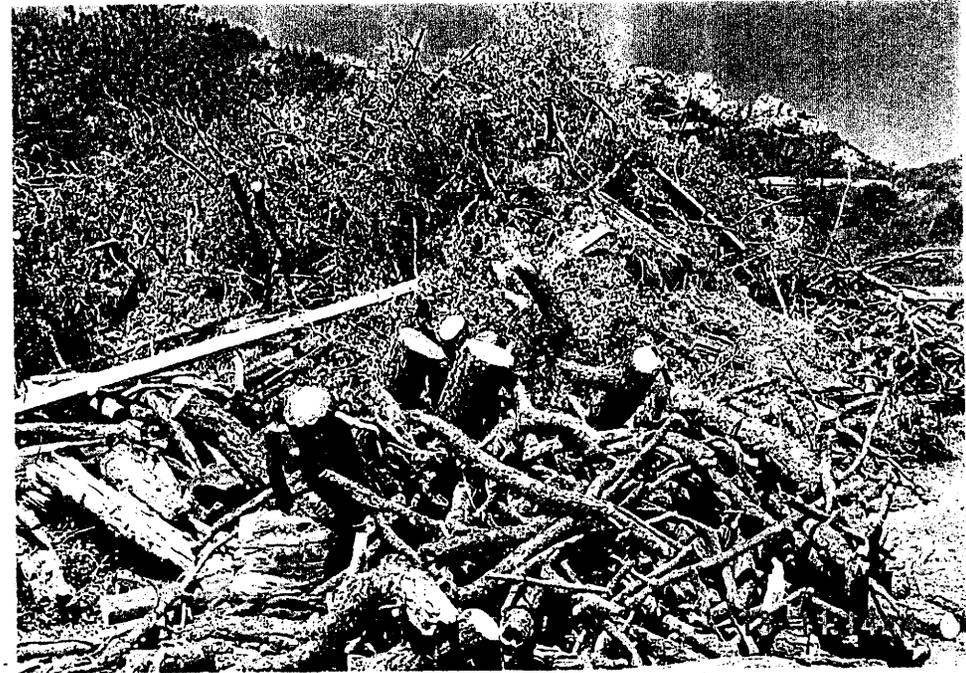
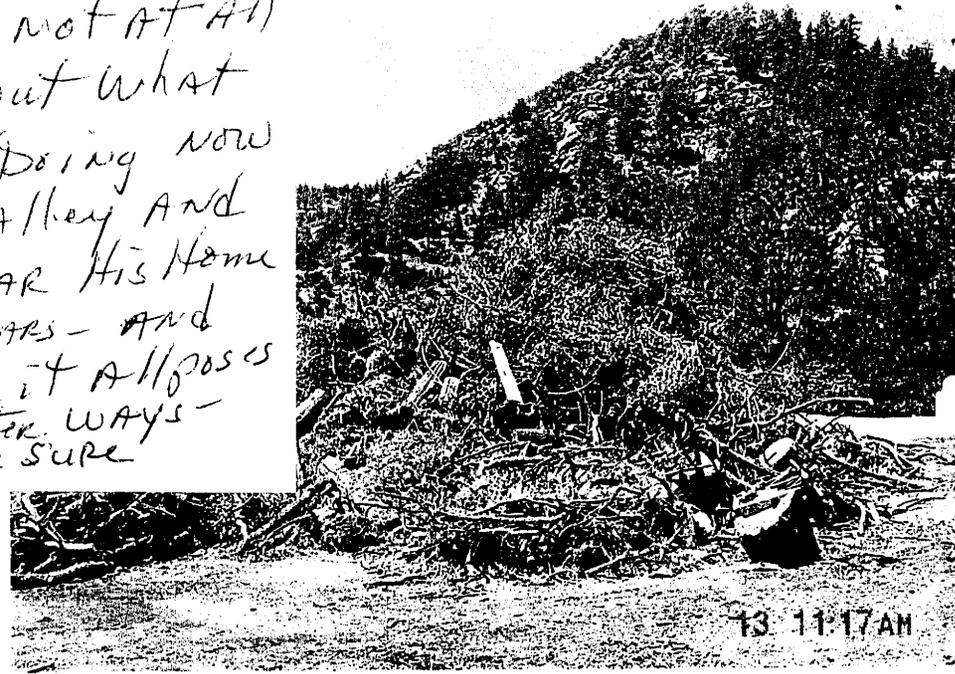
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were removed. Smaller ones
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Remain (mats)
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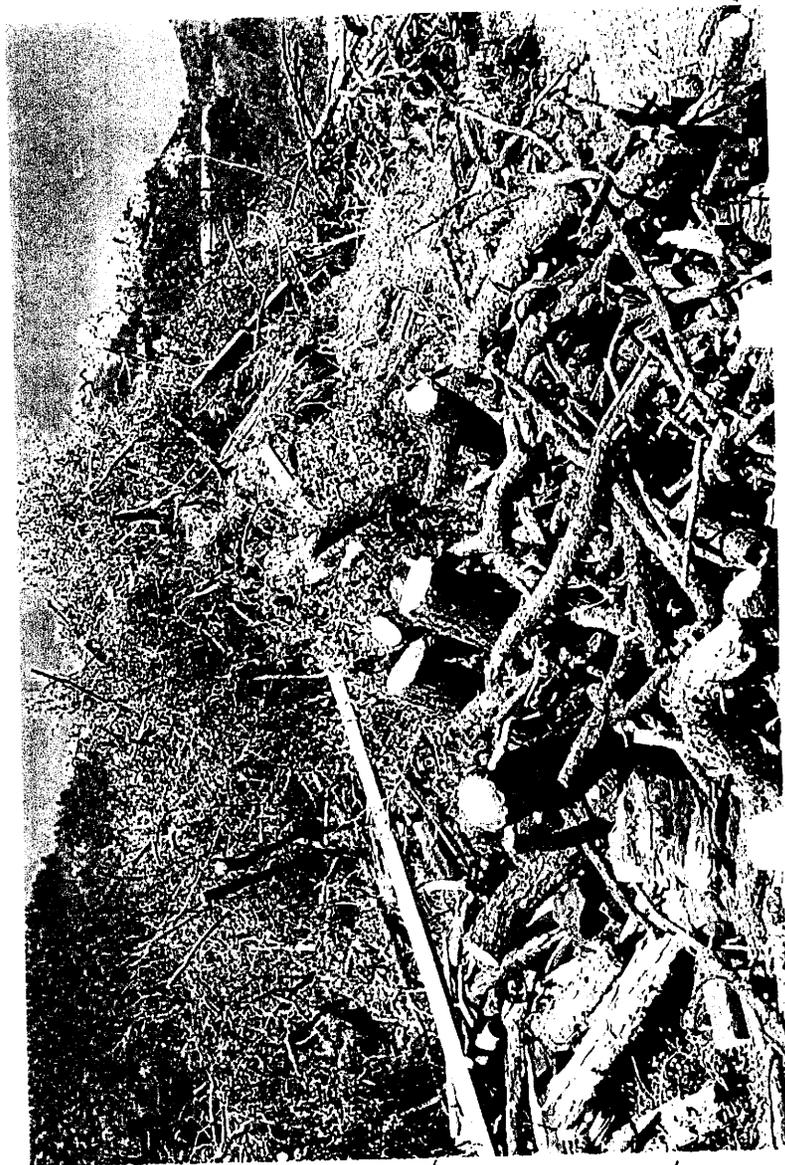
This old WW II
Vet - is not at all
Happy about what
they are doing now
in this valley and
area near his home
of many years - and
the danger it all poses
there are better ways -
for sure



X² - Home & Bldgs -

A lot of this danger has been removed - But still a lot remains - and is very dangerous -

This or these photos show ... picks at this old class (EPA) dump.



YM Can See Home where it's at

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July 29, 2003

Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
2400 East Arizona Biltmore Circle
Suite 1150
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Dear Senator McCain:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 2003 regarding **Ex. 6** concerns over a brush disposal pile within the Pine Lakes community. The issue has been addressed and a letter has been sent to **Ex. 6** concerning this matter. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

The Bureau of Land Management will continue to look for opportunities to assist communities in reducing wildland hazardous fuels and disposing of the material safely. Thank you for your concern and support in this matter.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (602) 417-9500.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carl Rountree

for Elaine Y. Zielinski
State Director

Enclosure

Ex. 6 eo:7/25/03:MCCain Letter

cc: Your Washington Office
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AZ-030
WO-615, Room 401 LS

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C. Rountree
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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Kingman Field Office
2475 Beverly Avenue
Kingman, AZ 86401-3629

In reply refer to:
9310 (030)

July 24, 2003

Ex. 6

Dear Ex. 6

Thank you for letter of June 21, 2003, regarding the current location and condition of the brush disposal site near Pine Lake. We appreciate your interest and involvement in the disposal site.

We have discussed your concerns and the current situation with the Pine Lake Working Group (Hualapai Homeowner Association, Pine Lake Fire Department, Hualapai Mountain County Park, and Bureau of Land Management). This diverse group of partners was developed to insure effective communication between the local homeowners, the BLM and Hualapai Mountain Park.

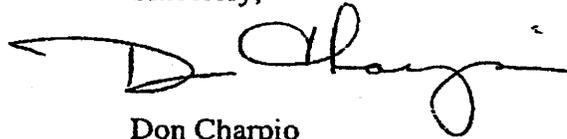
The current brush disposal site was recommended by Pine Lake residents in 2001, and subsequently approved by both the BLM and Mohave County. It offers easy access for local homeowners, and provides a sizeable cleared area where excess brush can be collected and properly disposed of. The location also deters illegal dumping and arson due to its high visibility to the adjacent community. Hualapai Mountain County Park agreed to allow this use of the property. The Pine Lake Fire Department and the Bureau of Land Management cooperatively installed the signs and continue to maintain the area. The disposal site is not considered to be located in the direction of prevailing winds in the area. The site sits to the east of the community, while prevailing wind direction is primarily southwesterly. However, Pine Lake sits in a saddle atop the Hualapai Mountains, and upslope daytime winds can blow from the west and east toward the community. There are no alternative sites located near the Pine Lake Community that could be utilized for brush disposal without posing some fire risk. Without this disposal area, local private property owners would not have a feasible option of dealing with accumulating hazardous fuels.

As you have noticed, the volume of large diameter logs being deposited at the site has recently increased as local Pine Lake residents have begun to remove some of the dead and dying pine trees from their properties. In order to minimize fire risk, the brush piles at the disposal site will continue to be cooperatively maintained by BLM and the Pine Lake Fire Department. Large diameter material will be separated from the brush piles and removed.

In cooperation with the Pine Lake Fire Department, we will continue to monitor conditions of the current disposal area. This monitoring effort will take into account observations and comments of local residents such as yourself. We will continue our partnering efforts to assist the Pine Lake community in reducing local fire hazards.

We truly value your concerns and comments for the safety of your community and the role that BLM can play in assisting in this effort. If you have any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact our Fuels Specialist, Ex. 6, or myself at (928) 692-4400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Charpio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Don Charpio
Acting Field Manager

Ex. 6

cc:

Arizona State Office
Bureau of Land Management

Joanie Losacco
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