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Hi Rem, Perhaps I will see you at the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow morning. I have several questions: 1. What is the mechanism for classifying the area as riparian? I understand the difference between casual reference and official classification. Is this being pursued? If not, why not? 2. It seems very odd to me that the company themselves get to decide whether the minerals are "locatable" or "saleable". Do I have this right? Can you explain? 3. At what point could this mining application be denied by the BLM due to air quality issues? Has this EVER been done to your knowledge? 4. How will the public be noticed as the process moves forward with the various agencies? Please note: the Daily Courier newspaper is NOT delivered in this area..... 5. Finally, please find below a cut-and-pasted text of an email composed by Bob Pearson, who will probably talk at the meeting tomorrow morning. I am wading through LOTS of stuff in an effort to update and expand the website. Best regards, Allison Dixon

"My records of both the Bald and Golden Eagle habitat use in this area of Western Yavapai County are scattered over a number of years. I lived here starting 1940, when I was 5 years old. I attended local schools; joined the Navy in 1953 & became a member of a flight crew and saw & served in much of the Pacific, including Japan, Hong Kong, Sea of China, Phillipines, Guam, Midway, Johnson Island, Okinawa, Hawaii and the California & Washington military bases serving in VP-40. I attended the University of Arizona following my 4 years in the Navy. I studied Electrical Engineering & then Wildlife Management, received BS in W/L Mgt plus some Graduate work at Utah State Univ. in Wildlife Management. My career was with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, primarily in land management & public relations. I had law enforcement responsibilities for the protection & conservation of all Migratory Bird species, including the Endangered American Bald Eagle and the Threatened Golden Eagle. I retired as Refuge Manager of Benton Lake National Wildlife Refuge and The associated Wetland Management District (WMD). The WMD covered a variety of habitats in North Central Montana, the District boundary included about 30% of the State. Migratory birds, including the Eagles only occupy specific habitat sites for brief periods of time. They have a moving Home Range. Site usage by Eagles is dependent upon their food habits, the availability of that food source and the presence of Roost sites and or Nesting sites. Predator pressure & or Human Disturbance factors also have great influence on site usage or avoidance. Changing weather conditions affects the availability of food resources & sheltered roost sites and is probably what triggered the Migratory tradition in birds. Most migratory birds thus have 1.) a wintering Range 2.) a Summer Range . and then 3) the necessary essential Food & rest stops in between , twice a year (Migratory lanes). Some birds use different routes going South than when going North. The 320 acre BLM tract provides food & shelter & roost & or nest sites appropriate for the Golden Eagle. Bald Eagles on the other hand are primarily dependent on Waterfowl & or Fish as a standard food source. It is conceivable that Bald Eagles might perch & rest at some time on the BLM tract. My observations would for Bald Eagles here are associated with small wetlands & preferably standing dead Cottonwood trees in the Skull Valley & Kirkland Areas. In the early 1990's, I teamed up with 2 men from the Prescott Audubon Society and established a Nationally recognized "Christmas Bird Count" census area (circular)

including parts of Skull Valley & Kirkland. It was operated for several years. I also have personal observational records of bird occurrence in this area, since 1989. PS: The Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and the Spotted Owl (photo record) also endangered species, occur in this area. I have records of these two birds also. I hear the Yellow-billed Cuckoo every year in this area, and the small wetland habitat on and near the BLM tract would qualify for it's habitat. I first got acquainted with it in Oklahoma & seven years later, I was able to immediately recognized it's call in the Refuge near Great Falls, Montana, without seeing it. I heard it from the office and went out into the shelter belt and got visual confirmation. I have more immediate concern for these ladder two birds than I do for the former two. This small rural community & it surrounding neighborhoods don't need our local & State habitat spoiled by the economically insignificant production and marketing of this proportedly carcinogenicly toxic material. I am not so sure but that the 42,000 tons of stored "minerals" should be declared a Toxic Super Fund Site candidate. What were the conditions & causes of the shut down of the former "KittyLiter" Mine operation at this site in the 1980's? I am aware of a " Kittyliter " Plant having been shut down about that same time just North of Black Eagle, Montana due to toxic air particulates pollution." Sincerely, Robert L. Pearson