

INDIGENOUS INJUSTICE: TROUBLE AT OAK FLAT

PROBLEM

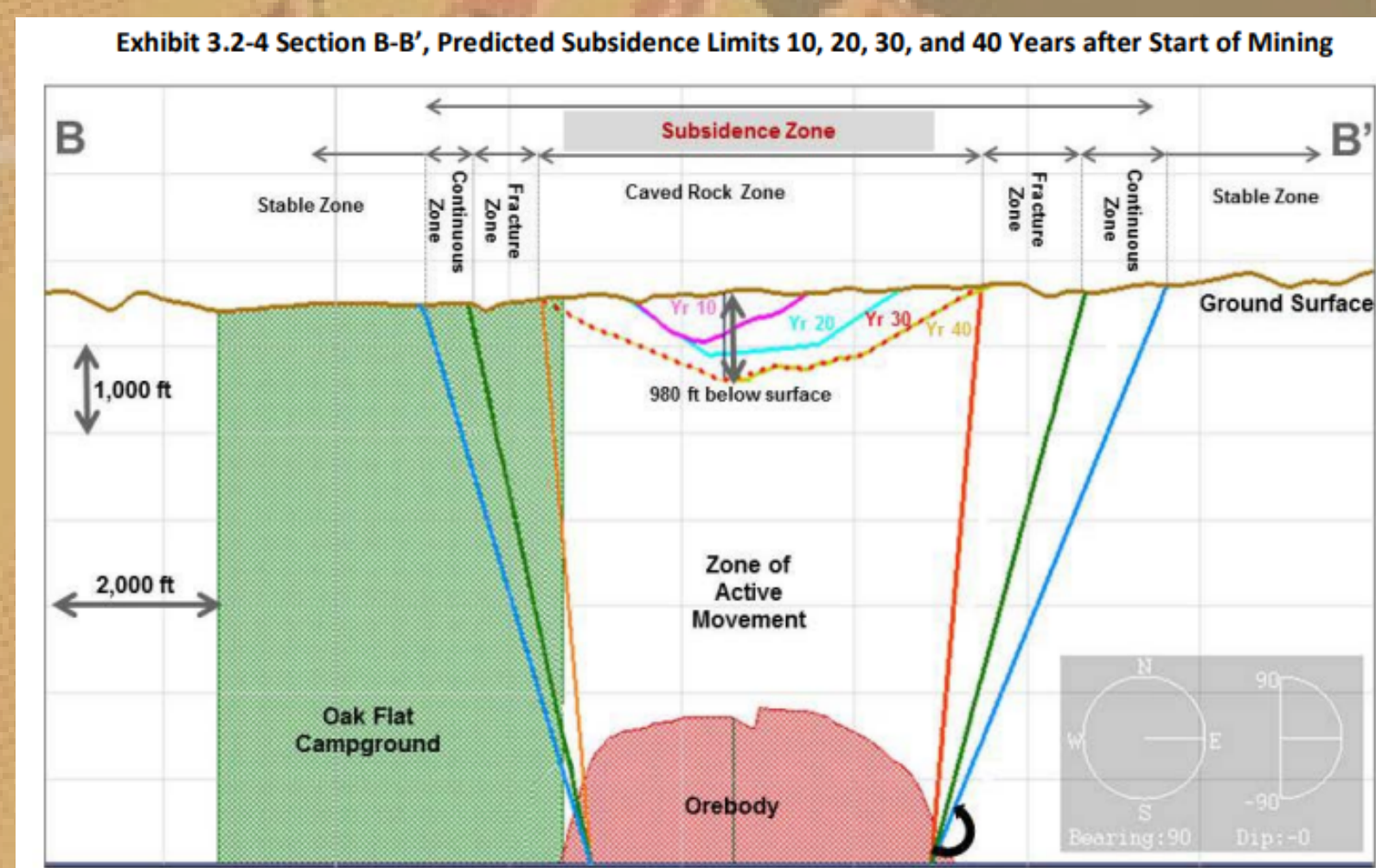
Rio Tinto is launching project Resolution Copper: a plan to take over sacred Indigenous land to gain access to the copper vein underneath.

The San Carlos Apache tribe of Arizona have used this land for centuries as a place of healing and prayer, holding various ceremonies and traditions important to their religion and culture.

RESOLUTION COPPER

The Resolution Copper project would have devastating effects on Indigenous culture, the nearby town, and the surrounding ecosystem.

- The San Carlos Apaches would lose their church for the sake of profit. This is both a civil rights and a religious freedom issue.
- The citizens of Superior would see an increase in noise and light pollution, experience worsened traffic and other social issues, and lose a popular recreational area, decreasing the tourism to the town and ultimately loss of financial income.
- The surrounding wildlife would see drastic habitat loss. The natural water supplies would be contaminated, taking away an important resource to both flora and fauna. The ecosystem would die.



PREVIOUS STEPS

The Apache Stronghold activist organization has been fighting Rio Tinto for years. They have opened lawsuits against the federal government, suing on the ground of religious freedom and Indigenous discrimination.

They have also worked alongside Arizona Representative Raul Grijalvo to draft the Save Oak Flat Act (SOFA). SOFA guarantees the protection of Oak Flat from any future mining endeavors. This act was introduced to the House, but unfortunately has not been passed in the reconciliation bill.

SOLUTION

The solution to this issue is to continue to push for SOFA to be passed. How do we do this?

Contact your state representatives and demand their support of SOFA and the San Carlos Apaches. **Organize** or attend rallies, marches, or protests. **Be loud, be angry.** Education is the first step, spread the word through social media posts, flyers, pamphlets.

THE EXPLOITATION OF INDIGENOUS LAND IS NOT, AND NEVER WILL BE, WORTH ANY AMOUNT OF PROFIT.