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Board of Supervisors
Yavapai County
1015 Fair St.
Prescott, Arizona 86305

Re: Request for Zone Change/Zoning Map Modification (From RCU to PAD)
Boynton Pass Road – Auto Camp Sedona

Dear Yavapai County Board of Supervisors,

By this letter, the Hopi Tribe hereby requests that Yavapai County Development Services deny the Auto Camp Request for Zone Change proposed development of a “Blamping project” consisting of 100 guests tents, three communal bathroom facilities, a lobby/check in tent, a commercial kitchen trailer, and a laundry/housekeeping staging area on an 18.73 acre site in the RCU-2A zoning district.

The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office understands the RCU-2A Zoning is defined as Residential, Rural 2 acre minimum. We understand rezoning of the property is a County issue, but the road to this property is via Coconino National Forest and in the immediate surroundings of this property there are no commercial developments.

The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable cultural groups in lands managed by Coconino National Forest. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties, and we consider the archaeological sites of our ancestors to be “footprints” and Traditional Cultural Properties.

This property is very near numerous Hopi ancestral sites and Traditional Cultural Properties on the Coconino National Forest. These sites are a testament of Hopi stewardship through thousands of years, manifested by the “footprints” of habitations, trails, artifacts, petroglyphs, and the physical remains of buried *Hisatsinom*, the “People of Long Ago,” all of which were intentionally left to mark the land as proof that the Hopi people have fulfilled their Covenant. Obviously, some 300 visitors a day half a mile from these sites could be an open door for adverse impacts including social trails, graffiti, vandalism and looting.

It is also obvious that the proposed use for this property is not suitable as it is inconsistent with the existing character of surrounding rural residential developments. The traffic and noise pollution from hundreds of campers to a residential zone with two acre minimum is clearly incompatible.

Therefore, the Hopi Tribe requests that Yavapai County deny the Auto Camp Request for Zone Change proposed development of a "Blamping project." And therefore, by this letter, the Hopi Tribe hereby also requests that Coconino National Forest consult with us on any proposed use of Forest Roads to access the Auto Camp proposed development of a "Blamping project." Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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