

## TRIBAL MONITORING

In partnership with the Tonto National Forest Service and seven American Indian tribes, we've developed a program to train tribal members in archaeological survey and to assist in the identification of sites of special significance to tribes.



A large Saguaro cactus stands prominently in a desert landscape under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A person wearing a yellow shirt, orange safety vest, and a hat stands at the base of the cactus, providing a sense of scale. The desert floor is covered with low-lying shrubs and sandy soil. In the background, another smaller Saguaro cactus is visible.

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### **TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The goal of this program is to provide the industry with a means of involving tribes in the National Historic Preservation Act and National Environmental Policy Act consultation process. Early partnership will facilitate efficient and informed tribal consultation.

## PARTNERSHIP AND PROTECTION

WestLand currently employs over 25 tribal monitors from seven tribes in Arizona and New Mexico. Potential tribal monitors are nominated by their tribe to participate in the training program and upon completion are assigned to WestLand projects.

The monitors work with archaeologists on cultural resource surveys, including surveys for culturally sensitive areas, such as shrines, trails, springs, and plants. The goal of the tribal monitor is to serve as the eyes of the community and involve tribal stakeholders early in the project planning process. Once an area of special interest is identified, the monitors share their findings directly with their respective tribal cultural officers and elders. This provides the opportunity for tribes to participate in the interpretation of historic properties. In this manner, tribal concerns are identified early, and steps can be taken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the project impact on areas identified as sacred by the tribes. The tribal monitors are also skilled in conveying the value of the projects they work on to their communities, presenting their findings at tribal council meetings and community gatherings.

## RESOLUTION COPPER COMPANY CASE STUDY

Tribal monitors surveyed over 32,000 acres of land to evaluate components of the proposed Resolution Copper Mine east of Superior, Arizona. The results of field surveys and project area tours with tribal monitors were documented in a series of reports written by the monitors, presenting the tribal perspective to serve as an adjunct to the cultural resources inventory report. Both reports become part of the formal government-to-government consultation required on federally permitted projects.



## AWARENESS MAKES US GREAT TEAM PARTNERS

“Something that I think is really important is that there is mutually beneficial outcomes when we listen to communities’ perspectives and especially when we listen to Native Americans’ perspectives and we respect their priorities. They have historical and cultural connections with the land that we don’t have. We already need to complete these baseline studies as a part of our environmental impact statement, so why not work together? I think this collaboration is really in-line with being a good neighbor.”

**Vicky Peacey, Corporate Sr. Manager, Permitting & Approvals, Resolution Copper**

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“Our goal is to understand all the cultural elements of the landscape...we consider it a necessity to know if we can avoid or minimize impacts on cultural sites, so we learn as much as we can about them. We respect the sovereign nature of Native American communities and the desire for formal government to government consultation and we recognize that tribes have cultural interests outside their reservations.”

**Jonathan Ward, Resolution Copper Spokesman**

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