



A Place Worth Protecting

A prized recreation area within the Tonto National Forest... For hiking, biking, camping, birdwatching, canyoneering and especially bouldering and rock climbing — with more than 2,500 established climbing routes.

A rare desert riparian area and oasis of biodiversity... Less than 10 percent of this habitat type remains in Arizona to support the native plants and animals that can't survive without it.

The religious freedom of Native American tribes... For generations too numerous to count, Native Americans have congregated in the shade of the oak trees for ceremonies, gathering of foods and medicines, and burials. This area is likely to collapse into the mine crater, while nearby Apache Leap — a cliff where more than 80 Apache warriors chose to leap to their deaths rather than surrender to the U.S. Cavalry — would be overwhelmed by an immense industrial landscape.

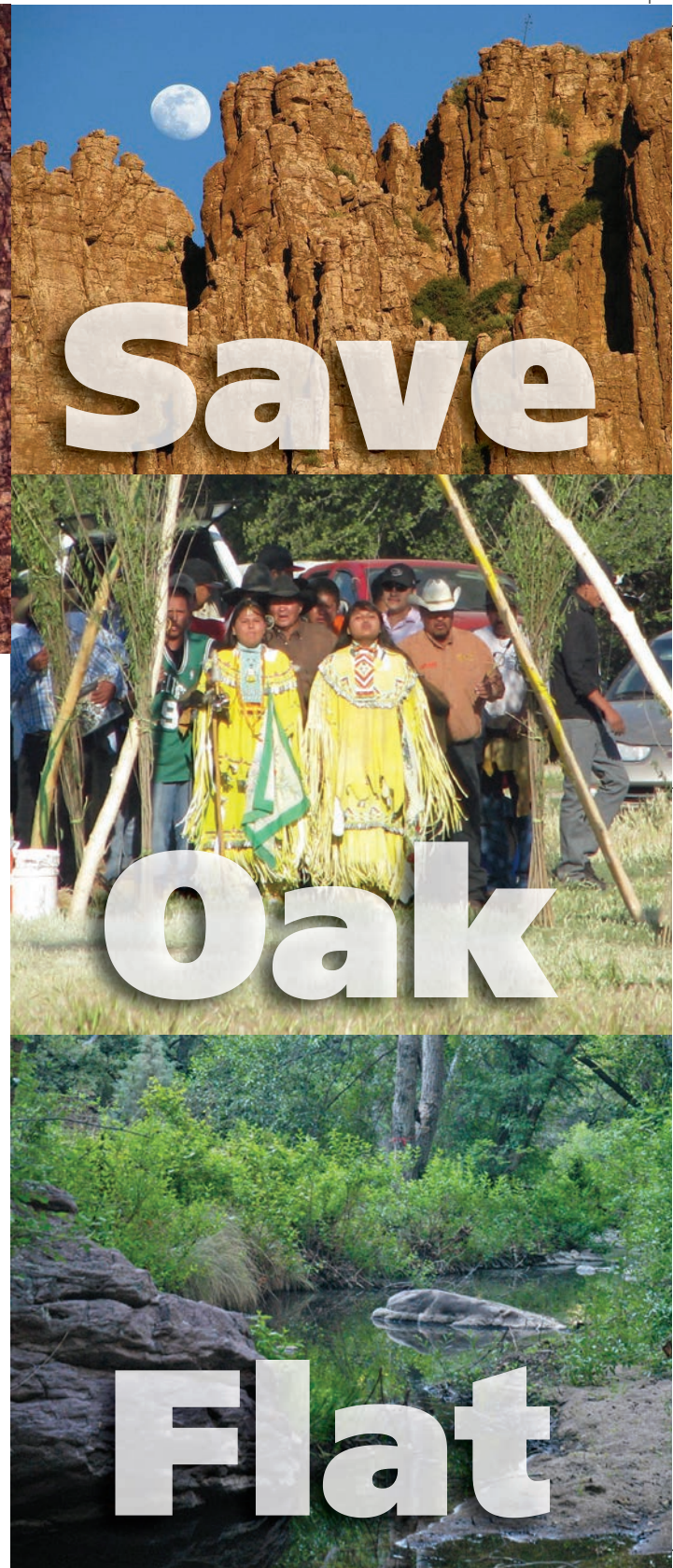
"The taking of one people's human right threatens all human and religious rights," said San Carlos Apache Chairman Terry Rambler. "We must stand together and fight those, like Resolution Copper, that seek to take our religious freedom, our most human right."

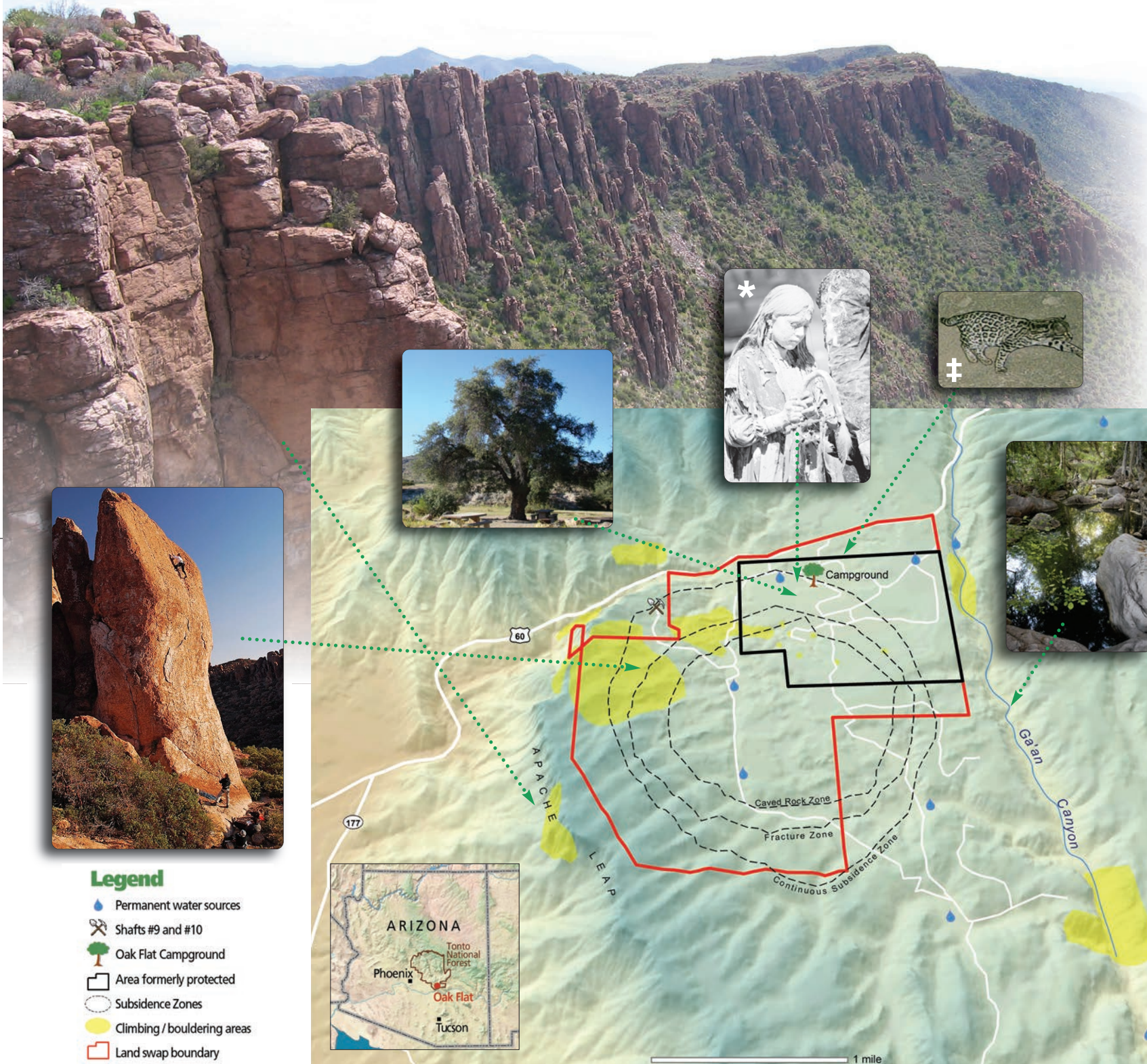
What's at Stake:

On Dec. 19, 2014, the National Defense Authorization Act was signed into law. Tucked inside the bill, at the behest of Arizona's senators, was the Oak Flat land exchange that would transfer this area to mining giant Rio Tinto and leave behind a mile-wide crater that will severely deplete precious groundwater resources.

A coalition of concerned citizens including Native American tribes is working to stop this land swap. Until the publication of a final environmental impact statement, Oak Flat remains public land owned by all Americans, free to be enjoyed and celebrated by all. We can turn this around... with your help.

Please help us save this special and most sacred landscape. Visit www.earthworksaction.org/oakflat





This map shows what would be lost if the Resolution Copper Mine is built at Oak Flat. The mine proposal privatizes 2,400 acres of public land (red boundary) and gives it to Resolution Copper, nullifying President Eisenhower's executive order that has protected the Oak Flat Campground for more than 50 years (black boundary).

The type of mining proposed occurs deep underground, creating a void so large that the land above it caves in. This so-called block-caving method will result in a mile-wide, 1,000-foot-deep crater (circular subsidence zones).

The water in Ga'an Canyon would disappear, drying up a lush riparian habitat critical to wildlife, fracturing the sacred land where Apache spiritual beings live, and destroying a landscape which brings solace and offers unique recreational activities to many Arizonans.

We need your help. Please contact your congressional representatives today and ask them to support the **Save Oak Flat Act**.

** San Carlos Apache girl painted in white clay for the Sunrise Dance Ceremony at Oak Flat.*

‡ Federally protected ocelot seen near campground

