



OAK FLAT PUBLIC ACCESS FOLLOWING THE LAND EXCHANGE

Straight answers to common questions about public access and recreation



Is Oak Flat closing to the public now that the land exchange is complete?

No. Oak Flat Campground remains open, and public access continues. There are no changes to public use today.



Was the community consulted before these decisions were made?

The land exchange followed more than a decade of consultation with Tribes, communities, and other stakeholders. This management decision builds on that work, and engagement is ongoing.



Will climbing, camping, and recreation still be allowed?

Yes. Climbing, camping, and recreational use will continue as they do now. These activities have co-existed in the area for decades with mining operations, and that remains the case.



Why was 4Winds Contracting chosen to manage the Oak Flat?

4Winds Contracting is an Apache-owned business led by individuals with deep ties to the land and the community. Local stewardship helps ensure Oak Flat stays clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.



What exactly will 4Winds Contracting be responsible for?

Campground maintenance, facilities upkeep, and day-to-day road access support. Their focus is care and stewardship and not limiting access.



Will there be new rules or fees to use the campground?

No new fees or rules are being introduced as part of this change. If that were ever considered, it would involve clear communication and community input.



Does this mean mining is happening right away at Oak Flat?

No. The campground remains open, and will remain open for decades to come.



Who do we contact if there are problems at the campground?

Issues can be directed through the Oak Flat website at azoakflat.com.

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