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Who: "We the People"

What: DOJ Stipulation to the State of Arizona to Remove Container Wall

When: December 27, 2022

The United States Department of Justice and the State of Arizona have reached an agreement that the State must remove the illegally placed containers in both the Yuma Sector and the Coronado National Forest. The due date for completion of said removal AND remediation of the extensive damage in Yuma is January 4, 2023. The due date and plan for the Coronado National Forest sector is to be determined by December 29, 2022.

We the People demand full transparency of the plans for the removal and remediation. We call for there to be oversight and consultations with organizations that possess the expertise for this important and critical work.

Without the persistence and dedication of the Border Wall Resistance volunteers, the damage in the Coronado National Forest would have been significantly greater. Due to our efforts, only 3.6 miles of the planned 10 miles of wall were completed.

The Stipulation filed on December 21, 2022 vindicates our assertions that this wall was illegal, destructive and needed to be stopped immediately. Relevant language from the legal document: "...Arizona will, to the extent feasible so as not to cause damage to National Forest System lands and resources, remove all previously installed shipping containers and associated equipment, materials, vehicles, and other objects from the United States' properties on National Forest System lands within the Coronado National Forest. In taking such action, Arizona will confer with representatives from the U.S. Forest Service for safety purposes, for sequencing removal, and to avoid and minimize damage to United States' lands, properties, and natural resources or disruption to federal actions or activities within the Coronado National Forest. Discussions between Arizona and the Forest Service for accomplishing this task will begin within one week..."

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