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TRAVEL ALERT

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TRAVEL ALERT TO MEXICO STILL IN EFFECT

Tribal Members Advised to Follow Necessary Precautions When Traveling to Magdalena

Sells, AZ --- The U.S. Department of State's February 20, 2009 travel advisory to Mexico is still in effect and warns travelers of the growing violence from drug cartels along the U.S.-Mexico border. Tohono O'odham Nation tribal members are encouraged to take note of the advisory during the pilgrimage to Magdalena, Mexico. Tohono O'odham currently living in Mexico are also advised to follow all necessary safety precautions.

Tribal members choosing to travel to Magdalena this fall should be aware of the increasing violence along the border as well within Mexico. Travelers should adhere to the following recommendations when traveling or staying in Mexico.

- ❖ Use only legitimate businesses (restaurants, stores, etc.)
- ❖ Travel during daylight hours only
- ❖ Travel on main roads
- ❖ Avoid areas where prostitution and drug activity occur
- ❖ Do not display large amounts of money
- ❖ Avoid unnecessary travel

If traveling across the border, tribal members must have a valid U.S. Passport or official tribal identification card with a picture; minors need to have a birth certificate. For further information on the State Department's travel advisory and recommended precautions, please contact Brenda Cruz, Executive Assistant to the Chairman and Vice Chairman, (520) 383-2028.

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