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MESSAGE 4: Hi, John, this is Rita checking out the line. Thank you for getting on top of this. I think it's great. Yep, a little practice on -- on our intro statement and, um, pretty cool, pretty cool. Okay. Well, this is just a test, so we'll talk to you later. Thanks. Bye.

MESSAGE 5: Hi. This is John Evel, and this is a test. Test, test, test. This a test. Thank you.

MESSAGE 6: (No audio.)

MESSAGE 7: (No audio.)

MESSAGE 8: My name is Timothy George. I'm a third generation Arizonian. My grandfather moved to Tucson in 1914. I am decidedly against the Rosemont Mine. I want to go on record as being against it for all of the reasons that people have already stated. I just think it's a really bad idea. A poor use of our land. Although I'm skeptical that the Forest Service is the one making the decision because they almost always, inevitably, vote on the side of big corporations or against the will of the people. Uh, so I really wish the

1 decision was not in their hands. I do not trust their
2 impartiality in this matter, but I suppose we have to
3 live with it. But I -- I and my entire family of long-
4 time Arizonians are against this proposal. Uh, we have
5 enough development going on in Southern Arizona right
6 now. Way too much. This is a very bad idea. I can't
7 believe that it's even gotten considered or that the
8 thought has even been entertained, uh, for so long.
9 Thank you very much for listening.

10 MESSAGE 9: This is another no vote on
11 Rosemont Copper Mine. The few jobs that will be derived
12 from this project is not worth the loss of the land, the
13 resources -- starting with water, not to mention the
14 extreme disruption and destruction, uh, that will be
15 involved including all of the traffic and so forth.
16 Thank you. Gloria Finner, Tucson, Arizona.

17 MESSAGE 10: Hello. My name is Joseph
18 Robinet. And my number is 79 -- 747-5556, and I'm
19 calling to ask that you not mine, ah, in the Santa Rita
20 Mountains. Um, I used to work at a mine in the early
21 '80s at Duval, at a place called Esperanza. And I saw
22 firsthand all of the pollution, um, that that mine
23 created in that environment. And I was a part of that.
24 And -- and I know how it just ruined that whole
25 environment. And that's why I'm calling to ask that you

1 leave that, um, that land alone, please. And I thank
2 you, uh, for this time. Bye, now.

3 MESSAGE 11: Hello. I want to strongly
4 oppose the proposed copper mine in the Santa Rita
5 Mountain area. I've visited that area many times. I'm
6 calling from Wisconsin, which is my current home. But
7 I've hiked and walked in the Santa Rita Mountain area
8 south of Tucson many times. And I'm very concerned that
9 this mine will affect the water situation, which is very
10 serious there. Certainly it will cause major air
11 pollution problems. And the traffic will be very bad.
12 Certainly I think the tourism potential for that area,
13 which I participate in, is much more valuable than what
14 the copper mine would bring to the community. So I
15 really think that the impact on the wildlife and the
16 scenic values there do not make it worth this mine. And
17 I wish to urge you to deny the permits for the Rosemont
18 Mine. Thank you very much. My name is Doug Otholup in
19 Madison, Wisconsin.

20 MESSAGE 12: Number one, it will use too
21 much water at a time when conservation is being
22 practiced. Two, the tailings will be dumped on lands
23 Forest Service manages. You do not own the land. Land
24 belongs to US citizens. Three, low paying jobs and only
25 for a few years and only in the mining field. Four,

1 products sent overseas by a company, not even a US
2 company, we get no benefits from it.

3 MESSAGE 13: Hi. My name is Dave Scrillis.
4 And I think that mine would be great. The Tucson area is
5 hurting for jobs, and especially good paying jobs. So I
6 think it would be great.

7 MESSAGE 14: I'm Marshal C. Patrick. I
8 live at 7661 East David Drive. I've been going down to
9 the Rosemont Camp for about 50 years. I go down there
10 hunting and I go down there picnicking. And if they're
11 going to do that copper mine, just make them use their
12 own land and not destroy the federal land. Just tell
13 them that they just cannot dump the trash and the rocks
14 and everything on the federal land. I just don't think
15 they should be able to do that. If they're going to mine
16 just their part, just let them mine their part and leave
17 the rest of the federal land alone. I'm Marshal C.
18 Patrick. Thank you very much. I just hate to lose the
19 place that I've been going for 50 years. And the people
20 that lives down there, they ought to raise cane, too.
21 Okay. Thank you. Good-bye. Bye.

22 MESSAGE 15: Hello. My name is Mark Basel,
23 and I live in Tucson, Arizona. 2815 East Fort Lowell
24 Road. I think it's great we have our mountains and our
25 clean air and our fresh water, but there's also a need

1 for more industry. And, uh, I'm in favor of the copper
2 mine down there because it would help with jobs and be
3 good for our economy and it would just be a good thing.
4 And, uh, not only that, I know that our government rules
5 and regulations and our folks in charge will keep a tight
6 rein on those -- on that copper mine and everything will
7 be okay. So I am much in favor for that copper mine.
8 Okay. Bye-bye.

9 MESSAGE 16: Yes, I think they should allow
10 the mine to go in. I think we need to tap our own
11 resources. I think that they just occupy such a small
12 part of the land and -- and they're held to such high
13 standards that they can't mess up. So I would say let
14 the mine go in.

15 MESSAGE 17: Hello. My name is Ricardo
16 Small. I'm an Arizona Certified Real Estate Appraiser.
17 I reside in Vail, Arizona. My comment is that, if the
18 mine is constructed, real estate values of surrounding
19 properties will be significantly impacted negatively.
20 The Pima County assessor already allows an external
21 obsolescence factor for properties near the mines by
22 Green Valley. And that would happen with the Rosemont
23 mine as well. Just for that reason, I don't believe that
24 the Forest Service should allow a private company to use
25 public property where that use will diminish property

1 values to the detriment of people that live nearby.

2 Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

3 MESSAGE 18: Thank you for giving me the
4 opportunity to comment on this. Although I'm not in that
5 area, I am from the mining industry. This is the type of
6 industry that Tucson needs. It's high paying jobs, long
7 lasting, good wages, benefits. And that's continually
8 what Tucson is looking for, but now they're trying to run
9 it off. They worry about foreign ownership. Which big
10 company is not foreign ownership now? It's a public
11 traded company. All they have to do is buy stock and
12 then they own it. They have good benefits, retirements,
13 401(k)s, good opportunities for people. The laws provide
14 for what happens to the mining lands after they close
15 down. And the laws are strenuous now where they have to
16 put up a deposit to cover the cost, and they do it. Look
17 at what BHP did at the San Manuel Mine. They did a
18 wonderful job on it. Various people who complain about
19 it are in houses that did not exist years ago. Perhaps,
20 uh, I don't think Green Valley ought to be there.
21 However, I do. City counsel is just pandering a group of
22 voters, as always, down there. I think that the mining
23 should be allowed to progress. Thank you.

24 MESSAGE 19: Name is Ruby Barnett. Open
25 the mine, we need the jobs, we need to the copper. Hold

1 their feet to the fire on the environmental end. And
2 that's all I have to say about it. Thanks.

3 MESSAGE 20: I believe the Rosemont Mine
4 will do a lot of damage to our beautiful environment, and
5 I hope that it will not go forward. Thank you.

6 MESSAGE 21: Hello. I just wanted to
7 oppose the Rosemont Mine for the environmental reasons as
8 far as the animals, the pollution, air pollution and
9 noise pollution and, uh, draining the water table. Also
10 for the health hazards it's going to cause for the people
11 in the area. Thank you for letting me call you.

12 MESSAGE 22: Hi. My name is Mike Carson,
13 and I live in Vail, Arizona. I'm a teacher at Empire
14 High School. And I would just like to say that it is
15 outrageous that this is even being considered. It is so
16 audacious of Augusta Mining to come in here and think
17 that they are going to put tailings on our national
18 forest patrimony. And it's equally outrageous that our
19 federal government is even entertaining the possibility.

20 We're talking a lot about, you know,
21 different acronyms for the different processes, the AE,
22 the IE, this assessment, that assessment. Let's back up
23 and look at the big picture. You are talking about
24 putting toxic tailings in public lands that feed into
25 Davidson Canyon and they feed into La Cienega's preserve.

1 That is outrageous that it's even being considered. And
2 it has to stop now. It has to stop now. Thank you.

3 MESSAGE 23: Yes. Going through with this
4 Rosemont deal makes about -- reminds me of a man who
5 sells his 12 year old virgin daughter to a local -- to a
6 foreign power so he can buy a new cow. It makes just
7 about as much sense, and it's about as moral.

8 MESSAGE 24: I am Maxine Jetson. 105 West
9 (inaudible), Tucson. My phone 293-5364. My husband,
10 deceased, was chief mining engineer for Banner Mining
11 Company. A graduate of college, School of Mines, degree
12 in the University business degree. Banner's field office
13 was in (inaudible.) He put the Rosemont Mine together.
14 He found it unfeasible to operate. They offered it to
15 the county with the stipulation it be used for
16 recreation. They turned it down, and it was sold to
17 Anaconda in 1963. ANAMAX bought it in 1988. I
18 understand that they lost their shirts. I know someone
19 who was at that sale.

20 I have my husband's resume, work experience
21 and several other things that might be of interest and
22 prove what I say. I also know and have names of several
23 friends. And I'll give you further information if asked.
24 Banner geologist is still alive and teaches two art
25 classes a week. I have talked to Ray Carrol on the

1 willing to form some kind of a county improvement
2 district and allow their personal property to be assessed
3 so that they could simply buy this property and stop the
4 mine. That way the people that don't like this mine can
5 actually pay for not having the mine. What a concept.
6 Thank you.

7 MESSAGE 29: I am very worried about the
8 pollution from the Rosemont Mining Project. I'm worried
9 about the water pollution, I'm worried about the sight
10 pollution, in other words looking at the mine tailings.
11 I'm worried about the use of ground water. So I hope you
12 take me comment and use it. So -- I think I represent a
13 lot of people. Thank you.

14 MESSAGE 30: Yes, I live in Green Valley,
15 and my comments about the mine, the Rosemont Mine is I
16 don't think we need another one. The mine that we have
17 in Green Valley isn't that great to begin with, with the
18 water wells that it's already poisoned and the smells and
19 the dirty dust and the burning eyes. I don't know if
20 that was ever taken into consideration. I know they say
21 they won't do this and they promise to do that, but I
22 don't believe it.

23 This mine that we have in Green Valley said
24 the same thing, but that doesn't happen. I'm tired of my
25 car being so dusty you have to wash it all the time. And

1 there's this white stuff all over it. And I'm tired of
2 my house every once in a while shaking because they're
3 dynamiting and stuff like that. I don't think it's a
4 good idea. Not to consider -- not to consider that the
5 water usage is a very important thing to the people of
6 this -- of this.

7 I think if Canada wants to drill for
8 copper, let them drill in Canada. If they want to spend
9 that much money on coming here, let them spend it in
10 Canada. I don't think we need another copper mine in the
11 Sierrita Mountains. Thank you very much.

12 MESSAGE 31: Yes, I want to voice my
13 opinion against the Rosemont Mining. The desert, we're
14 living in a desert, a very fragile ecosystem we're
15 looking at water. We're looking at environmental
16 qualities. The proposed mining would be a degradation to
17 our water, which is depleting every year, especially with
18 global warming -- warming, and also I do not believe that
19 we need this copper. Um, I think we need to find
20 alternative, um, recycling methods and whatever. And
21 I just do not think that Arizona needs to have this
22 happen. Thank you.

23 MESSAGE 32: Good morning. I thank you for
24 providing this phone-in comment. However, there seems to
25 be no documentation as to who the person is who is

1 calling in, anybody could call in as many times as they
2 want to and voice their opposition or their support for
3 it. It doesn't seem to be a very credible, credible way
4 to do this. When you write in a comment, you're
5 supplying an address and a name. And this is merely a
6 phone number. I'm not sure if that's good or not, I'll
7 have to think about it. Thank you.

8 MESSAGE 33: Hi. My name is Theresa
9 Finley. And I do not agree with the Rosemont Mine.
10 I think that Arizona should change those antiquated
11 mining laws. And the Rosemont Mine would tear up
12 beautiful territory, it also could mess up the water
13 system. And I know they think they have ways to prevent
14 that, but I don't think that's possible. So I think the
15 mine should not be allowed. Thank you very much.

16 MESSAGE 34: Yes. Hello. I am calling
17 about the Rosemont Mine proposal. I believe it is a bad
18 idea because I came here at age 16 and the Santa Rita
19 Mountains have been beautiful. And I've enjoyed them all
20 these years. At one point I lived up in one cabin there.
21 And I think it would be very devastating to have a mining
22 company come in, not only to the people who live nearest
23 to that Rosemont area, but to look upon it from where I
24 live now in Green Valley and Sahuarita, the impact upon
25 these two small, smaller little cities.

1 If you just look to the west and you see
2 all these mine dumps and so forth and the devastation it
3 has created to our earth, I would hope that you -- this
4 all would be considered. And the water, also, is a big
5 object to those living nearest to the Rosemont area.

6 I don't think it's a good idea at all, and
7 I hope people will really consider this statement. And
8 just take a look to the west or go up to one of the mines
9 and get permission and look down into the earth and see
10 what devastation it is. Copper can surely be found
11 somewhere else, hopefully. And there are active mines in
12 Arizona. So please consider not devastating our
13 beautiful mountain range. Thank you so much.

14 MESSAGE 35: My name is Wilmur Barrett of
15 13 West Mosack Way, Green Valley, Arizona, 85614. Phone
16 520-648-5959. I worked for Boeing Aerospace Company in
17 Seattle, Washington 32 years. And I retired in '93,
18 moved to Green Valley, Arizona in '96. In 1980's a
19 British mining company, north part of Washington State
20 abandoned a mining site and moved back to Canada leaving
21 a polluted area for US to clean up. I want -- you can
22 check with the governor or the Seattle Times during the
23 period that happened, but it should certainly be known
24 before this British company starts to mine here in
25 Arizona. Thank you very much.

1 MESSAGE 36: Please don't allow this mining
2 to go on. It's such a beautiful area in there, such a
3 beautiful drive. Let's not make it look like Green
4 Valley with those beautiful dirt hills behind it. Oh, we
5 don't need this. We can do with one less mine. Open up
6 the others. Thank you.

7 MESSAGE 37: My name is David Henry. My
8 wife's name is Kim Henry. We have been residents of
9 Tucson for over 40 years. We both feel that this mine
10 proposal would be devastating to the appearance of the
11 Santa Rita Mountains and to the future of Tucson relative
12 to Tucson's burgeoning tourism business. We both
13 experienced many outings in the Santa Rita Mountains. I
14 ride annually on a horseback trip in the national forest
15 there, and just think it's an awful idea, really
16 vehemently are opposed to the mine proposal.

17 MESSAGE 38: (No audio.)

18 MESSAGE 39: I would like to make a comment
19 about the proposed mine the Augusta Resource Corporation
20 is planning to do. This mine will front on Arizona Route
21 83 which is designated a scenic route for its natural
22 beauty. And the Santa Ritas are home to many beautiful
23 animals, bear, deer, lions and where will they relocate.
24 The land is part of the Coronado National Forest, it's
25 been preserved for the enjoyment of citizens of the

1 United States.

2 And who will be responsible for this land
3 after all the minerals have been removed. Augusta is
4 linked to two foreign institutions and who knows what
5 will happen after that. And also we are all worried
6 about water in this area, and I'm afraid this will affect
7 that. I'm utterly opposed to this copper mine by Augusta
8 Resource.

9 MESSAGE 40: Hello. This is Lawrence
10 Coleche and I live in Tucson, Arizona. In the early
11 1970's I used to live in Nevada, where I testified
12 against the MX Missile System to the Air Force and the
13 Department of Defense. I now live in Tucson, Arizona
14 where the same issues apply to the Rosemont Mine in the
15 fragile Arizona desert. I oppose the mine. It is bad
16 for ecology, the environment, socially and financially
17 and spiritually. The mine will destroy the ecosystem,
18 the distribution and contamination and pollution of
19 water, air and earth.

20 I am a native of Elko, Nevada where Newmont
21 and Barrick gold mines have contaminated ground water
22 with mercury. Mitigation of all these issues is
23 necessary for any resolution to the mine's placement. No
24 problem can be solved with the same consciousness that
25 created it. Everyone must think outside the box and go

1 beyond your comfort zones. We are stewards of earth's
2 natural resources. Thank you.

3 MESSAGE 41: My name is Clayton George, and
4 I live on Savannah Street, which is about 100 feet from
5 Sahuarita Road. At this time, Sahuarita Road does not
6 accommodate 18 wheelers, and it is according to state
7 rule. What I can't understand is when the Rosemont Mine
8 starts using their trucks on Sahuarita Road, how in the
9 world can they justify using that kind of tonnage on a
10 road that isn't approved for 18 wheelers. And not only
11 that, we live nearby Sahuarita Road, and the roar of the
12 trucks will be unbelievable. And the fact that the roads
13 aren't made to carry that tonnage would mean that they
14 would become rubber in a very short time. I hope you
15 consider my request that the Rosemont Mine be denied. We
16 have lived here for 23 years and have enjoyed the
17 serenity of this area and the Santa Rita Mountains.
18 Thank you.

19 MESSAGE 42: My name is Clyde Phillips.
20 I'm a native son for almost 100 years. Family came here
21 in 120. I'm all for the copper mine to be allowed to
22 take part in the forest service, and I would like to talk
23 to the committee. I have a dream. And I think the
24 copper mines have had a lot to offer Arizona in the past
25 and I think this will be a chance to have a big beautiful

1 recreation area in the southern part of Arizona. Thank
2 you. I'll see you tomorrow at 5:30.

3 MESSAGE 43: I wish to say that this is
4 insanity by any means. I moved here in 1969, so I know
5 about the ecosystem here a little bit. I came from a big
6 city and I've learned a lot about the desert ever since.
7 I was 15, so it was a lot to learn, but I did learn. And
8 the main thing is -- is that this area is cooling area,
9 it's a water shed. And if you spent, especially this
10 time of year, a couple of hours there during the peak
11 heat of the day, you'll see that it's 10 to 20 degrees
12 cooler just staying there. They are like fingers running
13 off the side of the mountain. There is no other mountain
14 range that I am familiar with in Southern Arizona or
15 anywhere else that has this finger spread that creates
16 tunnels, cooling tunnels where the water runs. It is the
17 most beautiful quite place in the world that I've ever
18 seen in my life, it's heaven. And to do this would be
19 total insanity.

20 And you guys have been talking about this
21 for what, 10 or 20 years, and it's always been shot
22 down. And they'll do what they always do, keep going at
23 it until they get it. I hope we can fight and stop these
24 people. It's insanity. These people should be forced to
25 stay there overnight during the hottest part of the day

1 in this season just to see what a cooling affect it has
2 on the whole southern Arizona area around there, maybe
3 for a hundred miles, who knows, you know, but please,
4 please, don't do this. It is insanity.

5 MESSAGE 44: My name is Jacqueline Kanaga.
6 I'm a resident of Green Valley, Arizona. I want to let
7 you know that I am unalterably opposed to the Rosemont
8 Mine. I do not feel this company would be a good
9 corporate citizen. They have used deceiving tactics to
10 advance their plan. I do not believe the United States
11 should use government property for a foreign company
12 selling assets to a foreign entity and no rewards reaped
13 by the community. Thank you. Bye-bye.

14 MESSAGE 45: Surely the hideous mine
15 tailings that have destroyed the natural beauty around
16 Green Valley and the resultant threat to that community's
17 water supply should sound an alarm to every decision
18 maker in Arizona. The Augusta Mining Company does not
19 have sufficient experience or capitalization to be
20 trusted with restoring the area to its former state. How
21 could they possibly re dream what the creator bestowed on
22 us originally. That is entrusted now to the stewardship
23 of the federal government for safe keeping and
24 perpetuity. And how could we be so foolish or greedy to
25 let them try. Our state modo is God Enriches, may we

1 long have the wisdom to protect our heritage. Thank
2 you.

3 MESSAGE 46: After listening to several
4 presentations in the meetings from materials, I have the
5 following concerns: One, the company should not be
6 allowed to use ground water because that lowers the water
7 table for the whole area. Two, the company should be
8 required to submit a proposal for constructing and
9 maintaining roads that will have minimum impact on the
10 forest and nearby desert. The plant's disposing of
11 tailings is inadequate. Protecting the environment from
12 chemical biproceses (unintelligible), has not been
13 properly observed. Thank you very much. And you have my
14 phone number. It's 520-388-9322. I'm sending you a copy
15 of this conversation. And my address is 2015 East Fourth
16 Street, Tucson, 85719.

17 MESSAGE 47: Yes, my name is David B.
18 Keating of Tucson, Arizona. I'd like to comment on the
19 purposed Rosemont Mine, open pit mine. I think it is a
20 terrible idea to allow, even entertain the idea of an
21 open pit mine in such a fragile area as the area we're
22 speaking of in the Santa Rita Mountains. Namely, this is
23 an open pit mine, and we have seen the damage and the
24 absolute horrible conditions of what open pit mining has
25 done outside of the Green Valley and Sahuarita area to

1 the west of the proposed site.

2 Again, when we allow open pit mining, it
3 just turns the whole area into an absolute horrible area
4 with tailings and just a terrible condition of the
5 environment in the area. And also I'd like to document
6 that I believe that that area is less than a quarter of
7 the land is privately owned. Which would mean
8 approximately three quarters of the land is owned by the
9 government, or actually the US citizens.

10 Another comment, too, is that we have seen
11 the leftover condition of mining operations when they
12 cease to exist or go out of business or go into
13 bankruptcy, and generally they leave areas just in total
14 disrepair and damaged environment. So again my, in such
15 a fragile area of the Santa Rita Mountains, which is an
16 absolutely beautiful area, I can't even imagine why we
17 would entertain having an open pit mine just to damage
18 the area when they're -- and also by a less experienced
19 company. Thank you very much. Dave Keating,
20 520-298-9217, Tucson, Arizona. Thank you.

21 MESSAGE 48: I think with the lack of
22 wilderness area, you have encroaching mankind on all
23 areas of southern Arizona, mining the beautiful Santa
24 Rita Mountains is just totally ridiculous. For a short-
25 term profit it makes no sense whatsoever. The land

1 should be set aside exclusively for preservation and, uh,
2 take the mining effort elsewhere.

3 MESSAGE 49: Yes, my name is Roger Surette,
4 S-u-r-e-t-t-e, resident of Pima County and eastern
5 Shasta -- or eastern Pima County and Rain Valley. I am
6 adamant against Rosemont development. I can't see any
7 real economic upside. I can't see any real benefit. To
8 me it's likely to destroy an environment that is
9 pristine, delicate and valuable. I'm adamant against it.
10 Thank you.

11 MESSAGE 50: I live on Sonoita Highway by
12 mile marker 52, and I'm afraid when you build this
13 proposed mine that it's going to suck up all the water
14 out of our water table. And we all live in -- and have
15 wells out here. And I think if that happens, your
16 company, the mine, should have to supply us all with
17 water tanks and bulk water every week, because we all run
18 evap coolers up here and we need the water just to live
19 for the evap coolers so we don't die during the hot
20 summer months. Also I have animals that need the water.
21 I have horses. I don't know what to do about them.

22 Right now, my well is almost dry, and this
23 never happened before. So I'm very suspicious that it
24 had something to do with this mine. Plus all the traffic
25 on Highway 83 is just terrible for all the big trucks

1 that are coming through all the time, which are bringing
2 stuff to the mine, which are not just, you know, trucks
3 passing through. We're always having to stop and wait
4 for them on the way to our house, and I just think this
5 whole thing is going to suck up our water table on top of
6 making the scenery just look terrible. So I am against
7 having this mine up here because of that -- those facts.
8 It's obviously going to take tons of water from the
9 ground to do it because there is no public water up here.
10 Thank you.

11 MESSAGE 51: Yes, this is Mr. Russ here in
12 Tucson. I'm commenting on the proposed Rosemont Mine. I
13 believe that it's very important for the local economy
14 that this mine operation be given a chance due to the
15 potential that it has to create some, uh -- some of the
16 more higher paying jobs that might be available in the
17 area. Um, I think that the operation can be compatible
18 with environmental considerations and also with national
19 defense considerations.

20 I believe the mine can operate effectively
21 providing good jobs for our area and not interfere with
22 national security, i.e., flight patterns that are
23 necessary for Davis Monthan Air force Base to be
24 sustained here in Tucson. I am a military retiree, so
25 obviously keeping the base here in Tucson is also near

1 and dear to my heart. And I think as long as we can
2 strike a compromise between environment and national
3 defense and a successful mine operation, than, a,
4 Rosemont should be given the opportunity to open up shop
5 and create some good jobs for our area. Thank you very
6 much. Bye-bye.

7 MESSAGE 52: Hello. I hope this is US
8 Forest Service. I am calling to object vehemently to the
9 Rosemont Mine proposal, not only to the environmental
10 damage, but to the reclamation damage that they will
11 never do in the future, the damage to the Santa Ritas.
12 And, uh, I've been in the mining business for over 30
13 years. I know that they do not follow up on what they
14 say they're going to do. And the main industries in
15 Arizona any more are not copper, cattle and cotton. The
16 main issue here is the water that they're going to take
17 from the State of Arizona and all of the people
18 surrounding the Tucson and Green Valley area. I am
19 opposed to this mine, not only to destroy -- it is
20 destroying the beauty of the mountains and the
21 environment, but using our water that we do not have.
22 Thank you.

23 MESSAGE 53: I lived in Alaska for a couple
24 of years, and they would mine there. And when they would
25 get done with the mining, the mining companies would have

1 to fix it up, reseed it, and you couldn't tell that there
2 was ever a mine there. Why aren't we doing this in
3 Arizona. We've got the most beautiful state in the
4 world. And they're polluting it. They're leaving
5 tailings. And they're making the money and we're looking
6 at the garbage that they leave behind.

7 It can be done. You need to contact the
8 mining people up in Alaska and find out how it was
9 legislated. They make their money, they fix it, they
10 make it just as beautiful as it was before they started
11 all the mining. Why can't we do this in our Arizona.
12 This is a beautiful state, and we let people just come in
13 and trash it. Make their money. ASARCO puts down more
14 money in fines than anybody, and here we are looking at
15 their garbage. Please take this into consideration
16 before we put in another mine. Make it legislated so
17 that they don't have to do this. Thank you so much. If
18 they're going to put the mine in, make them make the
19 place beautiful when they get done and no pollution.
20 Thank you.

21 MESSAGE 54: I would just like to voice my
22 opposition to the mine. I love the Santa Rita Mountains,
23 and it's a terrible thing. So yes, I'm very much against
24 it. Thank you.

25 MESSAGE 55: I don't like the idea. I live

1 here in Tucson. And I believe that the mines are using
2 85 percent of our water supply and we are in need of our
3 water supply for ourselves. So I say no, I vote against
4 that. There's got to be better ways to bring jobs to our
5 economy. I think solar. Mining, no, no. Waste of
6 time. Waste of money. Waste of -- most of all wasting
7 our precious resource water. Thank you.

8 MESSAGE 56: I need to find information
9 about the whereabouts, located, where you're located at.
10 I'm a truck driver needing information to find out
11 where -- how to get to your plant. And that's the only
12 problem that I got. And it's not a real comment because
13 I don't see where it's necessary to give a comment about
14 something I need to do. (Unintelligible.) Other hoopla
15 ain't necessary. Thank you. Not for me anyway.

16 MESSAGE 57: Hi. My name is Iris Surette,
17 I have lived in Bisbee and I have lived in Sierra Vista.
18 And I have seen what mines can do to the natural beauty
19 of the environment. I am very opposed to the Rosemont
20 Mine coming in. I feel that one of the beautiful things
21 that we have in this area, and I live near the Sonoita
22 area, is the beauty of the mountains, the Santa Rita
23 Mountains, coming into this area. If we destroy that
24 beauty, we will destroy the tourism and all of the
25 motorcyclists coming into our area that enjoy the beauty

1 of our area. I would like this reconsidered and I would
2 like the mine not to happen. Thank you very much. Bye
3 now.

4 MESSAGE 58: Hello. My name is John
5 Arnold. I'm calling on behalf of myself, my wife Nancy.
6 We're both against the Rosemont Copper Mine proposal. We
7 feel that it uses water that we don't have. Thank you.
8 Thank you. Thank you.

9 MESSAGE 59: Yes, my name is Lawrence
10 Peterson, and I live in Benson, which is a short ways
11 away from where the Rosemont Mine has been proposed.
12 That is absolutely total destruction of a beautiful area.
13 The environment, the animals, the people that live
14 nearby, and the biggest issue is the water and the
15 traffic that will be generated by this absolute
16 horrendous idea of running trucks, working 24 hours, 7
17 days a week is absolutely insane.

18 We have a mine that was rammed down our
19 throat in North -- north of Benson, we've had several
20 near misses of accidents with these heavy trucks running
21 with loads of gravel, dirt, cement trucks, almost running
22 people -- I've been run off the road by them. And that
23 will be the same thing that will happen if the Rosemont
24 Mine is in there.

25 But the main thing is what are we going to

1 be doing to the people by allowing that in there, people
2 that have lived there for most of their lives even, or
3 new little divisions that opened up thinking this is
4 God's place, and instead it's turning out to be a
5 horrendous mistake. I would hope that you people will
6 stop this mining. This whole state has got the same
7 materials they want. Let them go out somewhere else
8 where there are no people and dig there if they're
9 that -- wanting to have this material that is in the
10 dirt.

11 I am strongly against it. I oppose it for
12 environmental as well as human reasons. Please do not
13 allow this mine to come in and ruin a beautiful area.
14 How would they like it in Canada if we went up there and
15 dug some big holes right next to their cities or their
16 little suburbs. This has got to stop. Please stop it,
17 turn it down, tell them to get out of our state and go
18 back to Canada and dig up there and get what they want.
19 Please stop this. Thank you.

20 MESSAGE 60: Yes, my name is Julius
21 Regesser. I've lived in Tucson here all my life. I was
22 born and raised here. Fifth generation Tucsonan. My
23 granddad came middle 1800's to this country. I am
24 strictly opposed to the Rosemont Camp Mine location. I
25 know that area. It's a pristine area. I've camped, I've

1 hunted in and around it. It's beautiful. Why spoil it.
2 Our water supply is limited. The pollution that that
3 mine would bring is uncomprehensible. Please do not let
4 it happen.

5 Mines come in, they promise the world.
6 Jobs, right, I don't believe it. Temporary maybe, but I
7 don't believe it. The surrounding area would not support
8 a mine. Our water is precious. That mine would suck up
9 the water, the Patagonia area, Green Valley, all of that.
10 Our water is precious. What, for a big hole, pollution,
11 air, water, you name it. Strictly opposed to it. Do not
12 let it happen. There's a few pristine areas left in this
13 state. Why ruin it? Why ruin it for somebody's gain.
14 Please don't let it happen. Once again, my name is
15 Julius Aguirre Regesser. Please do not let it happen.
16 Vote no on the Rosemont Mine. Thank you very much.

17 MESSAGE 61: I'm calling about the Rosemont
18 Mine. My name is John Bowerson. I -- my telephone
19 number is -- I guess you picked that up. I feel that the
20 tail, i.e., the mine, is wagging the dog. And I think
21 that the dog being the Rincon Mountain -- the environment
22 where they -- so I'd say the tail is wagging the dog,
23 here. And I think you ought to look at that, look at it
24 in that light. Thank you.

25 MESSAGE 62: My name is John Cramer. I've

1 only lived out here for 50 years, and for 50 years I've
2 seen our government screwing us mercilessly. I have
3 watched the mines grow and scar our countryside down in
4 the Green Valley area. I have watched illegal mining
5 operations from Mexico come and ruin the mines -- the
6 mountains to the south of us, and no retribution. Now
7 we've got Rosemont Junction.

8 We here don't mind giving away our minerals
9 and so forth. We do mind, however, the terrible waste
10 and scaring that you leave behind. If you're going to do
11 this, and you always seem to find a legal way to take and
12 ruin us, please, give some consideration into turning
13 this area into a recreational zone. If they're going to
14 dig pits, have them fill them back up. And then fill
15 them with water, make lakes, make boating areas. Make
16 areas for camping, fishing, hunting. Make them open
17 areas. Please do something good and positive.

18 You try so hard as politicians to do things
19 wrong against the people's will. Well, by God, it's time
20 you start realizing who you work for and start doing
21 things for the people's will.

22 Please, don't leave us with the eye sore
23 that the Green Valley folks have to live with. They
24 can't get anything but very specialized trees to grow
25 ever so often on their hillside, and it looks like hell.

1 Again, if you've got something to say to
2 rebut that, my phone number is 762-8253. I'd be happy to
3 hear it and discuss it with you. Good day.

4 MESSAGE 63: (No audio.)

5 MESSAGE 64: Hi. Thank you. I wanted to
6 call in and give you an opinion of what I feel is going
7 to be the environmentally -- conditions of the area in
8 which we live, and we live in the Vail community. With
9 the -- with the already low water pressures that we have
10 in our home and access to the water, we feel that the
11 water is going to be diminished and the water pressure
12 will even be less.

13 We also have a situation where the road
14 heading in there will have to be extremely improved. As
15 you know, the entrance is already an accident prone area
16 with the interstate. So with the advent of the mine
17 coming in here, we're going to have erosion, we're going
18 to have environmentally -- movement of soils, there are
19 going to be more fire conditions, I believe, because
20 there will be less availability for water.

21 Please take this into consideration and
22 hope you decide that you want to relocate the mine to
23 some other area where there's no -- where there's --
24 human activity is not quite as evident as we have in
25 the -- close to the Tucson area. Thank you.

1 MESSAGE 65: Hello. My comments have
2 already been recorded in the letter to the editor several
3 weeks ago with the Sahuarita Sun. I used to -- I'm from
4 east Tennessee and I used to live next door to a
5 limestone open pit quarry. Um, they came in with very
6 little notice, uh, anyway, to our town, except for the
7 town council new about it. One notice was in the paper.

8 Anyway, we're all surprised because I lived
9 in a subdivision, and the quarry was really on, um --
10 they didn't have -- east Tennessee did not have any
11 charges that were regulated. So the quarry blasted so
12 hard that I got 37 cracks around my stucco foundation,
13 rip aways in my ceiling, open pits in my land, around my
14 house, and I owned about six acres.

15 When they came in, they were 800 yards
16 away, and then they moved in to 500 yards away. My next
17 door neighbor got a crack in the swimming pool. The
18 other one got a rock thrown into her -- that missiled
19 into her laundry room kitchen. And she'd just walked out
20 of the kitchen. Other people had damages. Stones went
21 out onto the highway sometimes, Highway 321, and it
22 happened often.

23 We tried like everything with the State
24 Fire Marshal to get these people out, and they didn't --
25 uh, uh, only -- they changed hands. Um, finally even the

1 town council was trying to get rid of these people and
2 they couldn't. Now they're in there I guess forever.
3 They've even got an asphalt plant in there.

4 Well, they did a lot of damage. And, um,
5 once you get those people in, you're going to have
6 problems, because they can blast so hard it can affect
7 anybody that's at least within a one mile radius of an
8 open pit quarry, and, um, maybe beyond. It did horrible
9 things to the atmosphere. Um, so -- also, I don't even
10 believe these people covered their stuff. They just
11 blasted.

12 There was a comment by one of the vice
13 presidents who ran this quarry that he didn't care about
14 our homes and our land, in a very rough language. This
15 all happened in Frenchville, Tennessee. And I hope
16 that -- and I live in Rancho Resort, and surely I will
17 not experience anything except for the atmosphere. And
18 the atmosphere is tough enough already here in this part
19 of the world. So I hope you all really consider, uh,
20 letting these people in. And I hope that -- I also sent
21 a copy of my letter to the editor to the governor -- to
22 the governor. Not with any comments other than --

23 MESSAGE 66: Hi. My name is Mike Garrigon.
24 I live here in Tucson. I -- in the early '70s I worked
25 at Cyprus Pima, and then after that I worked at ASARCO

1 Mission. And over the years of working at both mines,
2 it's just the way they destroyed it, you know, like fuel
3 leaks and hydraulic leaks, they would just bury, you
4 know, they wouldn't try to clean them up. They would
5 just cover them up with more dirt. You know, it would go
6 in the water table. And actually destroying down the
7 hills and the mountains behind the mine, you know, you
8 can't replace that at all.

9 And then, you know, of course, the burial
10 of the big mine tires. You know, that takes thousands to
11 millions of years to deteriorate, you know, they just
12 bury that stuff, too. You know, and I've seen other
13 stuff that they would bury, you know, like old
14 refrigerators so they wouldn't have to worry about the
15 Freon and stuff like that, you know, you see this stuff
16 happening over the years, you know, you just keep your
17 mouth shut.

18 But they actually, you know, maybe this
19 mine might be better, but I doubt it. But, you know, to
20 destroy a beautiful place like that out there, that would
21 be terrible in my mind. There's plenty of other mines
22 that they can reopen, like Ajo or somewhere like that
23 that's already been started, like Saskatoon or something
24 like that they can reopen or something. Why knock down
25 that mountain out there, so. That's my opinion and I

1 hope you guys vote no against it. Thank you. Bye.

2 MESSAGE 67: My name is Dick Eranger,
3 E-r-a-n-g-e-r. I live in Singing Valley, north where the
4 proposed copper mine is supposed to be installed. My
5 major, major concern is this water issue. From what I
6 understand, the amount of water they're going to be
7 pumping out of the ground is going to deal directly with
8 the wells in this area, since we are very, very close to
9 the mine. That is my major issues.

10 The other issue is, of course, what's it
11 going to be -- what's it going to do to Highway 83 if
12 this is going to be a 24 hour, 7 day a week operation.
13 I'm also concerned about the noise level, the dust level,
14 the environment.

15 Put them all in one basket and you have a
16 situation where the mine should not be in this area.
17 This is a pristine area. It's been like this for
18 hundreds and hundreds of years. And I personally feel
19 I'm against this mine and would like to see it somewhere
20 else, but not in my backyard. I appreciate my comments.
21 Thanks very much.

22 MESSAGE 68: I have the -- I've been raised
23 in a mining community. And I'm very familiar with the
24 mining dumps, if you will, throughout Arizona, be it
25 Morenci, down in Green Valley, Miami, Globe, Bisbee, et

1 cetera, Jerome. And I have never heard -- and I have
2 called twice now. I have never heard what the plan might
3 even be crystallized about the overburden that's removed
4 in order to get to the ore; secondly, what they will do
5 with the -- what the -- the tailings, the remnants, that
6 becomes the dumps, that it's like behind Green Valley.
7 And when the mining operation is completed to the
8 satisfaction of the mining company, and they shut the
9 mine, they never clean up their debris. So that to me
10 has like -- I keep reading these articles hoping I will
11 see some comment about it, some complaint about it,
12 because when the wind blows, that tailings just engulfs
13 the area. And I have never seen any plan for handling
14 that problem.

15 MESSAGE 69: Hello. John Brogman. I'm
16 retired from the mining industry. And I know that we
17 live in a global economy and that if you don't mine here,
18 they'll mine other places, and other places they won't
19 have the pollution controls they will have here. I have
20 a phone number 579-7538. Thank you.

21 MESSAGE 70: Yes. We need the work for the
22 people of this state. I suggest the Forest Service get
23 with Rosemont and okay it and let them begin the work.
24 Thank you.

25 MESSAGE 71: Yes. I am totally against the

1 mine situation. It is not a good thing for us. It's not
2 a good thing for the voters. And we do not want to be
3 involved with anything with the mine, and we don't want
4 anything to be sold to China at any time. I'm strongly
5 against it. I'm a voter in the area, and I wish that my
6 comments will be taken, noted. Thank you.

7 MESSAGE 72: This is Donna Thomas. I've
8 been in the Pima County area for over 20 years. I'd like
9 to express my opinion on the Rosemont Mine. Go through
10 the area very often. It's a gorgeous area out there. To
11 take and deface that and put a mine in there to sell
12 copper to China is bizarre. Anybody that will -- that
13 does not express their opinion to stop this, I can't
14 understand. Please stop it as much as you can. Do
15 whatever you can to stop defacing our Arizona. Thank
16 you.

17 MESSAGE 73: Yes, I'm a Pima County voter.
18 I've traveled that area many, many times. It's a
19 beautiful area. To put a mine in there would be totally
20 disastrous. We have to protect what we have, the beauty
21 of the state. I'm strongly against any mining in that
22 area. Especially to provide something for China. But to
23 take our area and tear it up for a mine like that, is
24 totally uncalled for. I'm opposed to it. I would like
25 you to do everything in your power to stop it. Thank you

1 very much.

2 MESSAGE 74: Yes, commenting on the
3 Rosemont Copper Mine proposed project. I went on the
4 Rosemont tour last week. I reviewed the mine plan of
5 operations that Rosemont provided us at that time, and I
6 think they've done several things very well. They have
7 planned ahead in purchasing water necessary for the
8 project. The hiring of direct employees and then the
9 satellite employees will certainly help the economic
10 conditions in southern Arizona. Thirdly -- which
11 obviously then will help the local and state governments
12 will benefit from that immensely. The domestic copper
13 production is certainly needed. I'm glad to see us doing
14 that in our own country. And lastly, because I'm a
15 conservationist, the physical area will be put back into
16 a very, very useable condition. So, um, I am 100 percent
17 for this project. My name is Jim Little John. You have
18 my phone number, 520-575-5777. Thank you.

19 MESSAGE 75: Hi. I tell you, I just can't
20 think of anything worse than a copper mine in the
21 national forest. The only person who stands to gain from
22 it is Rosemont Copper Company. The little brief whatever
23 the people get in Sahuarita from it will be far outdone
24 by the damage of the mine. And the damage of the mine
25 will go on for years. It will create a huge scar in the

1 middle of that beautiful national forest, and I just
2 can't understand why that has to happen. The mining laws
3 in Arizona are antiquated and need to be changed. Thank
4 you.

5 MESSAGE 76: Good day. My name is Jeff
6 Stensrude, and I live at 1621 West Monte Negro Drive in
7 Tucson. The area zip code is 85704. I'm calling in
8 regards to the Rosemont Copper project. And I vehemently
9 oppose the project going in. I don't believe the mine
10 should be going into this specific environmental
11 location. Because one, there are other areas that are
12 presently being utilized. And to be sure the price of
13 copper has been going up. But, I believe it's also
14 incumbent that land owners show an intense restraint over
15 their own personal greed when it comes to lands of
16 significance to the public. Property rights are
17 certainly subject to great controversy. There's no
18 doubt about that. But I truly believe that a land swap
19 could and should be conducted through the state land
20 trust or for other less detrimental areas of interest. I
21 believe that the Forest Service, yes, even though it is
22 involved and committed to the concept of multiple use
23 should take into consideration, too, the public trust and
24 protect this particular area.

25 As is the case with Saguaro cactus, this is

1 my second point, there's a dwindling supply of
2 inspirational scenery in southern Arizona, like Saguaro
3 cactuses. We're not going to be able to replicate that
4 over the long haul. And we can't afford to let this area
5 be sacrificed and then realize later on that we're not
6 going to be able to get it back. I do believe the Forest
7 Service should minimize the intrusion of the scenic spot
8 in the Santa Ritas.

9 Knowing what I do about mining. And I
10 don't know a great deal, but I do know some things.
11 Certainly I've been through a number of different courses
12 in regards to mining activities throughout the state and
13 around the world. One thing that I do realize is that
14 it's going to take an inordinate amount of water to
15 sustain any operations that could get started down at the
16 Rosemont area. And southern Arizona obviously, very
17 obviously, needs to be much more proactive in regards to
18 water conservation issues. I don't believe there's any
19 other choice than to be extremely selective in the water
20 usage we're going to be dealing with. And for that
21 reason, this mine should also not come into existence.

22 Yes, copper is important to our economy and
23 society. I do believe that's true. But that doesn't
24 mean that we need to exploit every area in the State of
25 Arizona. And we should concentrate our efforts as much

1 as we possibly can. And there are plenty of
2 opportunities to do that. Thank you so much for denying
3 the mining project at Rosemont, and that you've listened
4 to the public mandate regarding this issue. Thank you
5 very much, it is Monday, June the 30th. It's about 11:30
6 in the morning. Thank you. Bye-bye. Take care.

7 MESSAGE 77: I think we should take the
8 copper. We need the copper. And everyone else is being
9 selfish. I happen to live in Vail, Arizona, 85641. Name
10 is Kevin (unintelligible). We need the copper. We need
11 jobs. That's what we need. We need to not be worried
12 about slightly (unintelligible) to the people that have
13 to live around it, but we need the copper. So I'm
14 completely for the copper mine. I say let's open up
15 similar mines all over the state, if possible. Let's do
16 what we can when we can. The consequences are, you know,
17 some ugly terrain, we'll deal with it. But, so those are
18 my two things. As a conservative voter, I think that we
19 should have the copper mine.

20 MESSAGE 78: Yes. Yes. I'm calling about
21 the article in the paper Sunday about the Rosemont Mine.
22 I think it's a bad situation. It's going to pollute the
23 water. They use millions of gallons of water, and I
24 don't know where they're going to get it. Pollutes the
25 air. And for them to have ruined that beautiful scenery

1 in the Santa Rita Mountains, I think it's bad. I think
2 it's bad that this Canadian company is coming down here
3 in the good USA trying to get property from the USA
4 taxpayers. It's a bad situation. They're going to have
5 trucks on the highway -- on Highway 83. There'll be a
6 truck every ten minutes. People will not be able to go
7 up and down the highway to go to work. I think it's a
8 bad, bad situation. And I think the forest property
9 should not go to that company in Canada. Thank you.
10 Bye-bye.

11 MESSAGE 79: Yes, I do have concerns about
12 the mine that's going to be put down there, besides
13 scarring the earth and making it ugly. I've been here
14 since 1951. I grew up here in Tucson. I see what's
15 going on down there towards Nogales. And my dad was a
16 copper miner. But I also know that that tailings, farms
17 has lots and lots of chemicals and that land will never
18 come back, nothing will ever grow on it. So no, I don't
19 want to see the Santa Ritas scarred. And I don't want to
20 see all those tailings farms with all that poison in our
21 earth down there. Thank you very much. My name is
22 Sharon Price. Bye.

23 MESSAGE 80: Why are we using 130 year old
24 mining regulations to decide the best use of our Arizona
25 land. This is the 21st century, not the 19th.

1 Nonetheless, we're allowing regulations from 130 years
2 ago, in 1872, to decide the best use of our land. And to
3 a foreign entity no less. We're sunk to being a bargain
4 basement price, 1872 prices up 2.50 to \$5 an acre. And
5 that's 230,000 acres of public land have already been
6 sold to private interest in Arizona. I would have taken
7 some of that deal for sure.

8 Canadian owned Augusta Resource Corporation
9 is ready to make money in our country by destroying the
10 beautiful land we call home. Our country. Not theirs.
11 Cienega Creek, which by the way Augusta wants to fill
12 (unintelligible) Canyons, yet claims no impact to the
13 Cienega Creek water shed. And Davidson Canyon and not
14 only wildlife habitats as well as Rosemont are decreasing
15 water tables, peace, beauty, solitude and scenic
16 (unintelligible) for thousands of out of state tourists
17 all in serious peril of becoming a beautiful memory our
18 children will only have heard of.

19 The preservation of our beautiful untamed,
20 wide, open spaces of Arizona is at stake. We implore all
21 agencies involved, please don't allow this travesty to
22 occur in our unique state. Once the damage has been
23 done, there's no going back. No matter the small print
24 that Augusta will restore land to its original state.
25 It's so sad what kind of scarring and desolation that

1 Augusta will leave after leaving an open pit mine in our
2 scenic Santa Ritas. It's a travesty. And we appeal to
3 you all not to let this happen. Thank you.

4 MESSAGE 81: Yes. This is Diane Ensign.
5 And I absolutely oppose any new mines. We have enough
6 for copper already in Bisbee and San Manuel and
7 elsewhere. I do not want the Rose Mine -- open pit mine
8 that the Canada company wants to do. Please do not allow
9 this to happen. So I vote no more mines. And I'm at
10 5556 North Maria, M-a-r-i-a, Drive, Tucson, 85704. My
11 last name is spelled E-n-s-i-g-n. Thank you.

12 MESSAGE 82: Yes. My wife works out in
13 Green Valley, she works out there. She's been working
14 out there four or five years. My name is Kenneth N.
15 Barsameon. My phone number is 883-6 -- 883-2215. Excuse
16 me. I drove out there the other day with her, and the
17 mountains really look beautiful and ripped up by the
18 mining companies already. Blank spots in them, you know.
19 Why would you let a foreign agency or out of the country
20 agency come in there, start ripping up more beautiful
21 property around that area. Madera Canyon is up there,
22 very pretty. We don't need another mine in that section.
23 Let them find copper elsewhere. Thank you very much.

24 MESSAGE 83: Our delicate ecosystem here in
25 Arizona. No more mines. A very large no to your

1 project.

2 MESSAGE 84: I would just like to go on
3 record that I think that the Rosemont Mine is a big
4 mistake. I don't think that that should be allowed. I
5 think it's very dangerous to our environment. And
6 Arizona's environment is so fragile already that the last
7 thing we need is another mine. And I think that there --
8 it's the only, the only people that that mine will really
9 help is the mining company. So I definitely am against
10 it. Thank you. Bye-bye.

11 MESSAGE 85: I'm a native Arizonan. I'm 69
12 years old and I have lived all over the State of Arizona.
13 I have watched the copper mines throughout the State of
14 Arizona, develop, grow, be -- and in some cases be ended
15 and abandoned. And I have a pretty good feel about what
16 happens with them. The proposed Rosemont Copper mine I
17 think is a really, really bad idea. This is a beautiful
18 recreational area that's right in the back yard of a city
19 of almost a million people.

20 Go out there any weekend and you'll find
21 the canyons in the Rosemont area, filled with campers,
22 with people who are out to enjoy the outdoors. Go out
23 during the hunting seasons and there are javelina and
24 white tail deer hunted throughout this area, and the
25 Rosemont camp area is one of the -- is the heart of that

1 area.

2 And to allow this to be done by a company
3 who's going to export their copper overseas to have a
4 project that will last a relatively few years duration
5 and leave a destroyed area which they always do, is
6 absolutely wrong. And even if they say they will restore
7 it. You cannot restore the mountain, the trees and all
8 of the other fine things in that area. I urge everyone
9 involved in this to oppose the Rosemont Mine in total.
10 Thank you.

11 MESSAGE 86: I'm from Green Valley, and
12 from the dust that we get from our mines here, we don't
13 need a mountain on the other side producing more dust
14 coming our way. As to the water coming into Green
15 Valley, I could care less if you get to have water down
16 to Green Valley so we can get it for free and then you
17 can carry it over to the mountains. Sorry, but I don't
18 believe that our country should be disregarded as far as
19 tearing it up blatantly for some money that a few people
20 can make on this. Thank you. Bye-bye.

21 MESSAGE 87: I would like to comment about
22 the negativity of this mine in our area. I'm a long-time
23 Tucsonian. And I've watched the community grow. And it
24 certainly is robust out south of -- in the southern part
25 of the county. And I cannot understand the logic of

1 allowing a mine in the area, even though you certainly
2 have the authority to do it.

3 We look at what's happened in the Navajo
4 Nation and we see that they have been misled and they are
5 suffering the consequences of all kinds of contaminants
6 in their soil. These are threatening to the water table.
7 They also -- also down south we have a lot of elderly
8 people living along the Santa Rita Mountain range and a
9 lot of dust pollutants will certainly be there.

10 I've lived in Arizona many years and have
11 been by many of the old mines that have made a mess of
12 our landscape. And certainly we're not apropos for city
13 living or country living either, either way. There are
14 too many residents in the area down there to be even
15 considering a mine, much less the traffic problems and
16 the other deficits brought to the area.

17 If you are Tucsonians and you are
18 interested in the welfare of our town, Forest Service,
19 how about you voting in favor of the people and stopping
20 this nonsense about industry in an area that is
21 absolutely unsuited for it. Thank you for listening to
22 my comments. Bye-bye.

23 MESSAGE 88: Rosemont is not a new idea.
24 Fifty years ago I knew about a project and some people
25 were selling stock. Green Valley is in the middle of a

1 mining area. The miners were around before Green Valley
2 existed. Duval, ASARCO and Cyprus Pima group were
3 operating before Green Valley was developed.

4 Mining is a very important part of the
5 American economy. So Rosemont should be developed.
6 Southern Arizona has some extreme people who want to get
7 rid of Davis Monthan Air Base. They worked against
8 Mount -- they worked against, uh, Mount Graham, the
9 observatory. And now they're working against the
10 railroad and its marshalling yard. They're working
11 against the Tucson Electric Power Company transmission
12 line from Tucson to Nogales. Now, my God, even -- they
13 don't even have a problem with the government and they
14 don't want some way to stop the people on the border,
15 halfway between Nogales and Arizona -- Tucson.

16 Now, I think that -- I think a lot of
17 people in Green Valley and some of the people in southern
18 Arizona, they're old and they don't have the time to sue
19 or anything, so they start all this beauty stuff. And
20 actually, we have to worry about the economy. People
21 need to work, and it's going to take some way to develop
22 things. Mining is one of the big industries, and we need
23 to help them. And I think Green Valley should be able to
24 live along with the rest of the people.

25 And that water is no problem. Green Valley

1 has an artificial lake, the peacan people have the
2 flood -- the type of grouping for their plants, you know,
3 they have lots of water around. You know, they could use
4 the squirter type thing for their trees. But no, they
5 use the heavy way, the easy way of using a lot of water.
6 So I think everybody could work together and work
7 together and Rosemont should be able to -- be able to
8 operate just like the rest --

9 MESSAGE 89: I'm amazed that our
10 politicians in this state, when mining has made Arizona
11 what it is today, in addition the mining company is by
12 law required to reclaim the whole area back to what it
13 used to be or at least best living conditions or best
14 utility for the population. So I'm all for the project
15 and it's ridiculous when they cannot make copper,
16 especially when when the need for copper is so great.
17 Thank you very much.

18 MESSAGE 90: I don't think that that mine
19 should go in, because it's going to suck up all the water
20 that's out there. Look at what happened when the FICO,
21 the peacan company came into Green Valley. It sucked up
22 all the water in that area, and now look what's going on
23 north of Sahuarita, the Santa Cruz river and everything
24 around it is all dried up, and the same thing is going to
25 happen over there. The water used to run through the

1 Santa Cruz River all year long, and now look at, nothing,
2 nothing. And the same thing is going to happen when that
3 mine comes in. Nope, I don't think they should do it.

4 MESSAGE 91: I request that you not permit
5 Rosemont Copper to open a mine in the Santa Rita's just
6 so a Canadian mining company can forever ruin beautiful
7 Arizona mountains, for supposedly 19 years of copper, et
8 cetera. All one has to do is luck at the ugly tailings
9 in Green Valley and visualize what will be done to the
10 Santa Ritas. The amount of water that will be wasted on
11 this operation is mind boggling. Considering the limited
12 supply that we have in southeast Arizona and how precious
13 that resource is, I can't think of that being used for
14 mining purposes. Thank you.

15 MESSAGE 92: (No audio.)

16 MESSAGE 93: This is Marie Brown and
17 (unintelligible) Brown. We wish to voice our opinion to
18 the to opposition the Rosemont Mine. This will create a
19 scar on our beautiful landscape. The jobs that it
20 provides will be lost after the mine is closed, and the
21 scar will remain. Please vote no on the Rosemont Mine.
22 Thank you.

23 MESSAGE 94: Yeah, my name is Raymond
24 Lloyd. I'm with the Stevens Lloyd Group, and I would
25 like to express my opposition to the Rosemont Mine. The

1 economic, or the impacts as far as the environment would
2 be severe and it would also affect the water quality and
3 the economies of the local towns of Sonoita and Patagonia
4 as well as some of the other towns in that area. At this
5 time, in my opinion, it's not needed improvement or
6 activity to go on in that area, so. Thank you.

7 MESSAGE 95: My name is Donald Van Dyne,
8 and I live in Sierra Vista. I drive through the Sonoita
9 area often. The Rosemont Mining venture would be both an
10 ecological and aesthetic disaster for that area for these
11 reasons: Number one, winding, hilly roads are inadequate
12 for the heavy trucks that would be required. Two, there
13 would be a great deal of pollution of the ground water
14 because the leaching ponds would be using sulphuric
15 acids. Three, ruining the beautiful views in the area
16 with the huge piles of tailings. These tails will take
17 decades to regenerate any growth. Number four, not
18 nearly as many jobs will be provided as they would like
19 the local populous to believe. The mine will be run by a
20 skeleton crew. I know that because I have a brother
21 who's a mining engineer in a large copper mine in the
22 Globe/Miami area. Thank you for taking my comment.

23 MESSAGE 96: Hi. My name is Carl Campoff.
24 Phone number is 624-8504. I'm calling to comment about
25 the mine. I'm against the mine being put in. I use that

1 area for camping purposes as well as ATV riding and
2 target shooting, and I think it's a beautiful area, it
3 shouldn't be destroyed by the mine. Plus I don't think
4 an out-of-country firm such as the Canyon run company,
5 you know, they're going to be mining most of the copper
6 is going to be sold to China and stuff. I don't think
7 the Tucson area will benefit much from the mine except
8 for what few jobs it may create. And what low money they
9 may spend here on supplies and stuff. But I'm against
10 the proposal. Thank you.

11 MESSAGE 97: Hi. My name is Pat Garber.
12 And I am at present a resident of Patagonia, Arizona.
13 I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed
14 Rosemont Mine and to the potential risks that are
15 involved for our water and our ecosystem. I would also
16 like to speak out against the outdated mining law of
17 1872. My great grandparents were among the first
18 settlers of southern Arizona, having homestead ranch land
19 here in the 1870s and 1880s. They also worked several
20 mining claims in the Empire range. There were far fewer
21 people here then and they didn't -- far less knowledge
22 about what mining can do to our water supply and habitat.

23 With so many people living in Southern
24 Arizona now, water has become a precious commodity. Far
25 more valuable than copper or other minerals in the earth.

1 Regardless of how many EIP's are conducted, the Rosemont
2 Mine poses a potential threat to our water table, the
3 wells, the wildlife and the scenic beauty of the Santa
4 Rita Mountains. Arizona does not need another copper
5 mine. What we do need is a revised and updating mining
6 law that addresses the concerns of 21st century
7 Americans. Thank you very much.

8 MESSAGE 98: I would like to voice my
9 opposition to the mining project. I believe we're not
10 being good stewards of the natural heritage that we've
11 been entrusted with. Thank you.

12 MESSAGE 99: Yes, my name is Kenneth
13 Armstrong, and I was putting my comments down for this.
14 That's some of the most pristine land I think in southern
15 Arizona. And highway 82 and 83 are great roads for
16 bicycling. And there's a lot of people who use that road
17 on a regular basis to ride bicycles on. It's a great
18 recreational thing to go to Patagonia and back to Tucson.
19 And I've done it myself many times. And I think if there
20 was a lot more trucks going up and down those highways,
21 it would be just a terrible thing. It would take away a
22 lot of the beauty of the ride. And it would make it a
23 lot more dangerous for the cycling public out there. And
24 it's just such a beautiful stretch of land. I don't
25 think it would look any -- it would be better with the

1 mine. And that's pretty much what I have to say. And
2 I hope the project doesn't go through. Thanks.

3 MESSAGE 100: My name is David Lutz. My
4 number, phone number is 682-8221, and the reason why I'm
5 calling is I have to oppose this mine for one reason and
6 it's a water intensive development. We live in a desert.
7 Water is very scarce. Federal government took away our
8 rights to our share of Colorado River water and gave it
9 to California. This strictly and dramatically limited
10 our water resources. Because our water resources have
11 been limited, I oppose the Rosemont Mine on the basis
12 it's a water intensive development, and we should not be
13 allowing this kind of development in this area because of
14 our water situation.

15 We are in the stage of climate change due
16 to global warming, if not global warming, the southwest
17 has had these long-term droughts that last for decades.
18 And with the loss of our rights to the Colorado River
19 water if there's ever a shortage on the Colorado River,
20 they take our water before they touch anybody else's, and
21 that puts us at a great disadvantage. And because of
22 that we should not allow any kind of water intensive
23 development mines that use lots of water like Rosemont
24 mines, big housing developments, retirement communities
25 that they've been rezoning here and there and everywhere

1 a lot in recent years.

2 We're headed for disaster in Arizona unless
3 we curb the growth, but the mine in particular uses a lot
4 of water, and the same federal government that is
5 considering allowing this took away our rights to our
6 Colorado River water. We only have conditional use. And
7 if the Colorado -- if there's ever a shortage, and it's
8 very likely even without global warming we're going into
9 a long-term drought that could last for many decades and
10 these droughts have been documented in the past in the
11 time of the Hohokam and Anasazi civilization died because
12 of these droughts. And if we have -- if we're going into
13 another one, this is very serious because we could lose
14 our tap water entirely because we only have conditional
15 use. And this is the reason why I'm opposed to this
16 mine, any kind of water intensive development for this
17 reason. Thank you for taking my comments.

18 MESSAGE 101: I grew up out in this area
19 and I remember when I was a kid and I could hear the
20 bombs going off out there or the explosives going off for
21 the mining. And it used to just be not very good at all
22 to be listening to that when you're just trying to, you
23 know, live your life out in the middle of nowhere. So I
24 don't think that they should redo the mines and reopen
25 them up in that same area and go along with all the same

1 things that I had to grow up with in hearing the
2 explosives as a kid growing up or, you know, having water
3 issues. That's all I have to say.

4 MESSAGE 102: Hi. My name is Ann, and I
5 really think that we have enough plastic in this world.
6 We don't need any more copper mines or any more of any
7 other thing. I wish you would stop tearing up the
8 desert. Like I said, we can use plastic tubing and
9 things like this. I just think it's a total waste of our
10 beautiful, beautiful desert and our animals that just
11 don't have enough room to -- to do what the animals do.
12 Thank you very much. Ann. Bye.

13 MESSAGE 103: I am definitely against it.
14 I -- from everything I've read, pro and con, it just
15 sounds like it shouldn't be done. So I just want
16 everybody to know that I'm one of those people that don't
17 feel that there's any good to come from it, so that's my
18 statement. Thank you.

19 MESSAGE 104: My name is David Lutz. I
20 just want to add to my earlier comment. And the issue
21 here is water, and the big issue is the federal
22 government took away our rights to our share of the
23 Colorado River water. We only have conditional use if
24 there's a shortage. They take our water before they take
25 anybody else's. And before they even think about

1 proposing any kind of large scale development that's
2 water intensive like this mine, we need to get our rights
3 back, our share of Colorado River water. I say again, we
4 need to have our rights to our fair share of Colorado
5 River Water restored before they even think about
6 considering proposing any kind of large scale water
7 intensive development like Rosemont Mine. Thank you.

8 MESSAGE 105: Hi. My biggest concern about
9 the proposed copper mine is the use of local water. Our
10 water is in a desperate situation as it is. Our aquifers
11 are less and less. I don't know how we're going to
12 sustain that kind of water use, because I don't see a
13 real good plan to put it back. I mean, if there's any
14 excess Colorado, but they're saying that that's -- you
15 know, that's chancy.

16 The other thing is the environmental
17 impacts, the way it's going to look. We already have
18 significant mining already going on around here. And it
19 is ugly. It creates dust, it creates a lot of land
20 scarring, and, you know, it's not even copper that's
21 being kept in this country. It's going out to China.
22 And it's a Canadian company. Go ahead and mine for
23 copper in Canada. Thanks. Bye.

24 MESSAGE 106: Hello. My name is Mike
25 Saber. And I've lived in Tucson for about 20 years. You

1 know, I think the mines have had a devastating effect,
2 you know, without any real control. Also, doesn't
3 everybody realize that copper and the minerals that we
4 take are use in everyday life, from Home Depot to your
5 light switch to washer and dryer to everything else,
6 I mean, what am I missing here. Thank you. Bye-bye.

7 MESSAGE 107: Yes, I'm against this
8 project, number one, it does not compliment the
9 environment. It's not something we need. If it was, it
10 would be different. Number three, I guess it would be.
11 I left for ten years and when I came back it was only to
12 find Tucson devastated with building and contractors and
13 some of the most beautiful areas bulldozed down with
14 subdivisions. And the construction continues to go on.
15 And it's spreading. And of course, you know, endangering
16 the environment, the wildlife, et cetera, et cetera, et
17 cetera. There's nothing we can do about that now,
18 obviously, the subdivisions are in place. However, the
19 mining situations would certainly destroy that entire
20 area for years and years and years and years to come.
21 Thank you. My name is Joe Davis. Phone number
22 520-825-7766. And yes, I am certainly against it. I
23 don't believe it should go through. Good-bye.

24 MESSAGE 108: My name is Dana Meann. My
25 phone number is 239-6523. I strongly oppose any mining

1 activities that might be proposed for the Santa Rita
2 mountains. I'm a native Tucsonan. And we have limited
3 water and resources. And we do not need a company coming
4 in for another country, out of state, using up our
5 resources, causing pollution, using our ground water.
6 And myself and our family, which is four people that
7 vote, are strongly opposed. Thank you very much for your
8 time.

9 MESSAGE 109: My name is Judy Miller. I
10 would like to voice my very strong opposition to any more
11 mining activities in the Santa Rita Mountains or anywhere
12 else around Tucson, maybe even all over Arizona. I think
13 it's high time we got a better look at what's really
14 important. I think water, air quality, and all the other
15 things that are going to be disturbed by this mine should
16 be more valued than the few jobs, the little bit of money
17 that the local people are actually going to get. I know
18 it will be lucrative for some people, but not for most.
19 I strongly object to this mine and would like to see it
20 defeated. Thank you.

21 MESSAGE 110: Hi. My name is Ed. I'm a
22 Vail resident. And I just was -- wanted to make a
23 suggestion as an effort of the mine and the state in
24 exchange of destroying the area and all the roads and
25 pollution that they're going to bring here that we don't

1 want. At least they could do what they leave behind,
2 possibly a lake in the open pit mine. Make it into a
3 recreational type activity, camping, reservoir, water
4 shed type affair. I think the mine developers at least
5 owe the community that to leave something of a park or
6 lake or something of that nature in place, rather than
7 just reap the lands from what they have and pocket the
8 money and move on. So I think that would be a better
9 balance for our community. Thank you. And this is Ed
10 762-1093.

11 MESSAGE 111: My name is Darryl Brockhouse.
12 I'm a member of the Green Valley hiking club. I've hiked
13 in the area of the Rosemont, proposed Rosemont Mine for a
14 number of years. And outside of the fact that you'd ruin
15 a beautiful area, the most serious problem, in my
16 estimation, is the affect on the water. With the
17 development in southern Arizona if you have any brains at
18 all you're going to know that ultimately water is going
19 to be a serious problem. And I think the water problem
20 greatly outweighs the promise of the 500 jobs or whatever
21 Rosemont is claiming to provide. It's just no
22 comparison. Thank you.

23 MESSAGE 112: I believe that the copper
24 mine is a bad idea because of environmental concerns in
25 spite of the fact that they seem to feel differently.

1 Their record in previous ventures by this company have
2 not been such, and any kind of waste dumping on public
3 land should not be allowed. And those are my comments.
4 Thank you.

5 MESSAGE 113: Oh, I'm in favor of the
6 Rosemont Copper project. As long as the copper company
7 posts a bond that covers the reclamation of the area when
8 they are through mining.

9 MESSAGE 114: Hi. My name is Paul Leonard.
10 And I'm calling about the -- the concern about the copper
11 mine in Sonoita, in the mountains. I am for it. I would
12 really like to see the project get started because this
13 would provide jobs and employment for people in the area.
14 I'm an electrician, and I would very much like to be part
15 of it. And I hope it takes hold. You can call me at any
16 time at 520-255-1171. And like I say, I do agree for the
17 copper mine to take progress.

18 MESSAGE 115: I'm calling to urge the
19 Forest Service not to permit this Rosemont Mine to come
20 about. We have a beautiful place in the Santa Ritas, and
21 I would hate to see it defaced and destroyed. I don't
22 know a lot about mining, but what I have heard, it would
23 not be good. Thank you.

24 MESSAGE 116: I am against the Rosemont
25 Mine project because of pollution. I'm totally against

1 it. Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

2 MESSAGE 117: Hello. My name is Andrew
3 Chisolm. I've lived in Tucson my entire life and I
4 strongly oppose building the mine. Please don't do it.

5 MESSAGE 118: Hi. My name is Mike Magiar.
6 I live in Sahuarita, Arizona. I live in Entrada Estates,
7 which is south of Sahuarita Road between Kolb and Wilmot
8 roads. I'm -- my real concern is about the water. I
9 think it's most unfortunate that the Santa Ritas have to
10 be tore up to mine stuff, but some things maybe area a
11 necessity. And of course no body wants a mine in their
12 backyard. But my concern is the water.

13 And they're making promises about being
14 water efficient and this and that. Promises and talk
15 don't get it. It's got to be in writing. They need to
16 show how they propose to do this, and they need to be
17 held accountable. I mean water in this area is critical.
18 We live in the desert. I'm extremely water conservative.
19 I try to educate my friends and family and anybody that I
20 come in contact about water conservation.

21 So that's my concern because if this mine
22 soaks up the aquifer out here, my property is basically
23 my retirement and if there's no water out here, then my
24 property is going to be worth nothing. So my concern is
25 the water issue. It's going to be on the back side of

1 the Santa Ritas, from what I understand, Rosemont
2 junction, I've ridden my dirt bike and stuff back there,
3 but once again, I think it's unfortunate. But the water
4 situation is, I think, first and foremost. Thank you
5 very much for your time. Bye.

6 MESSAGE 119: Hi my name is Crystal West
7 Moreland of Tucson, Arizona. And I'd like to voice my
8 opinion that I am not in favor of the proposed mining
9 mine opening up due to the lack of natural resources such
10 as water in Arizona that is available. And the growth of
11 the population of humans in this area. Thank you.

12 MESSAGE 120: (Female voice) We're Betty
13 and Jerry Ervin, E-r-v-i-n, and we are opposed to the
14 copper mine. We feel that, number one, the water issues
15 in southern Arizona are simply too fragile to take a
16 chance on having them polluted by a copper mine. The
17 environmental concerns are great. We don't think that
18 any economic benefit will be enough to override the
19 environmental and water concerns. The animal life there,
20 the beauty, the fact that it is in a very pristine and
21 lovely area close to the Tucson area, which is growing,
22 is not an auspicious place to have the mine.

23 (Male voice) Also energy issues, we're
24 concerned about where the energy would come from to
25 sustain the operations down at the mine, oil, electricity

1 and so on are big issues here. And we don't feel that
2 the probable benefits to the Tucson area are worth it.
3 We lived in Colorado Springs for several years and saw
4 what happened to the front range there when a mine that
5 had been opened up on the front range was closed down,
6 but the scars remained for -- probably are still there,
7 you can see the scars from all over Colorado Springs on
8 that mine where it was right there on the front range.
9 And we don't want to see that happen to the Santa Ritas.

10 (Female voice) We've also been in
11 Leadville, Colorado and have seen the results of the
12 three dead lakes that are up there as a result of the
13 molybdenum mining, by this parent, the parent company,
14 I believe, of the Rosemont Copper Group. So we are
15 opposed on several accounts. Thank you very much for
16 consideration. And thank you for letting us phone our
17 comments in.

18 MESSAGE 121: My name is Norma Henches.
19 I'm a resident of Sahuarita, and I am in favor of the
20 Rosemont Mine for the economic opportunities that it will
21 bring into the area, not only for just the mine personnel
22 themselves, but for all of the other people who benefit
23 from having mine employees in the area. I have no
24 problems with having another mine in the area. I think
25 it will be a great benefit to the community financially.

1 Thank you.

2 MESSAGE 122: Yes, I want to voice my
3 opposition to the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine. My main
4 concern is the issue of water. I don't think the issue
5 of them drawing down the ground water has been adequately
6 addressed. And I'm very concerned that the mine, if
7 operational, will deplete the ground water in the area
8 and dramatically affect homeowners in the area. Thank
9 you.

10 MESSAGE 123: Yes, I am for the Rosemont
11 project. It will create jobs and help the economy in the
12 area. It's -- you know, with all the jobs going
13 overseas, we need to keep as many jobs here as possible.
14 Thank you.

15 MESSAGE 124: Yes, this is Robert Smith
16 from Patagonia, Arizona. And I would like to make a
17 comment to the scoping process. I just finished watching
18 a video about the Fulton Sea eco disaster in California,
19 and I thought of the Rosemont Mine. You know, it's --
20 it's going to look just like Green Valley except in a
21 much, much worse location for a mine. And another point
22 is is that there's been a group from Tucson that seems to
23 repetitively show up at these meetings and they seem to
24 be promoting the fact that the 500 jobs that are going to
25 be provided by this are going to have an impact on crime

1 in Tucson, which 500 jobs out of what, a million people
2 in the Tucson area is not going to have any possible,
3 hardly -- any kind of impact on minimizing the crime
4 based on joblessness in the area, I mean it's just a
5 mathematical, simple arithmetic.

6 But anyway, if you want to have the east
7 side of the north end of the Santa Ritas replicate what's
8 going over in Green Valley, hey, go for it. You can take
9 the Highway 83 off of the scenic route designation on all
10 the maps that have been published and somehow the people
11 that live south of that area are going to have to have
12 someway to get out of the area again. I guess, do we
13 have to drive over to Arizona 90, you know, the old way,
14 or maybe even to Benson, you know, like used to be before
15 90 and 83 were in there. I don't know what to say. It's
16 -- I guess I've said enough. Thank you very much. Bye.

17 MESSAGE 125: This is such a beautiful
18 area. I don't know why we need another mine. The mines
19 have defaced so much of southern Arizona for so little.
20 They don't hire that many people. This is a foreign
21 corporation to begin with. There must be places in
22 Canada where they can dig and deface. And I think this
23 would be a terrible, terrible injustice to that area. It
24 would be a travesty to dig another mine there. It's such
25 a beautiful area. This would be -- this would be

1 ludicrous. It would be absolutely insane.

2 MESSAGE 126: You guys need to go ahead and
3 get that mine going because all the tree huggers are out
4 there trying to stop you. I work for a mine and you guys
5 have -- we all agree you need to get that going. And you
6 guys are doing a very good job of doing it. So just keep
7 on doing it. Thank you.

8 MESSAGE 127: I strongly oppose the plan to
9 construct an open pit copper mine. The environmental
10 impact that will be caused is most likely irreversible
11 and will have a large impact on the daily lives of nearby
12 citizens. The Canadian mining company is proposing to
13 use nearby public water aquifers, consuming an enormous
14 amount of water. Keep in mind that the climate of this
15 area is considered a desert and the amount of water is
16 limited. If this mining operation proposal is approved,
17 it's highly likely that the water supply will decrease
18 drastically to the point of complete depletion.

19 This company is also planning to dispose of
20 its waste in nearby national forest land, which will
21 affect the water pollution level. The copper mine will
22 not help the US economy at all as the product mined there
23 will be shipped off to foreign countries, mostly China.
24 I do not believe that this mining operation will help the
25 citizens of Arizona. Thank you.

1 MESSAGE 128: My name is Diane Holtman, and
2 I'm calling because I vehemently oppose the proposed
3 Rosemont Mine. I am against it for many issues, many
4 reasons. Scenic beauty of the area, environmental
5 issues, the water issues, so --

6 MESSAGE 129: Yes, my name is Randy
7 Lawrence. My mailing address is P.O. Box 665 in Sonoita,
8 Arizona, 85637. And being a mechanical engineer involved
9 in mining all my life, native Tucsonan. I've traveled
10 throughout most of the world in mining operations,
11 involved in mining operations, among others. I am
12 totally, totally against the proposed operations of
13 Rosemont in the Catalinas and Santa Rita mountains in
14 southern Arizona. This not only presents a dividing of
15 the mountains, which is inevitable, there's no way of
16 escaping it, even under the most stringent precautions to
17 be had, modern precautions to be had, but it will happen.

18 And I just wanted to state that I am
19 totally against this. My family is against it. It's in
20 an area in Southern Arizona that should be preserved.
21 Geography is just fantastic. It's something that
22 everyone should be able to enjoy from now until the end
23 of time. And with this proposed type of development, it
24 will not do that. It has the potential. It has the high
25 potential of becoming something that we certainly don't

1 want in southern Arizona or nor anywhere else.

2 So should anyone want to contact me, I'm
3 qualified, I feel, to pose my opinions. I served my
4 country in Vietnam as a United States Marine. I've been
5 an engineer all my life since I graduated from college.
6 I'm a registered voter and own property as well. And I
7 just feel very adamantly in opposition to the proposed
8 development of the copper mine and the associated
9 functions that are -- go along with it in this area, so.
10 My e-mail address should anyone care to contact me is
11 rlawrence00@hotmail.com spelling r-l-a-w-r-e-n-c-e-0-0
12 @hotmail.com. I appreciate the opportunity to express my
13 opinion. Thank you.

14 MESSAGE 130: The thing that Arizona has
15 going for it is it's -- its great beauty, its ruggedness
16 and that it's a special place, as Tucson is a special
17 place. So I cannot understand why we are even thinking
18 of building a mine with many, many feet -- I knew at one
19 time how many -- of slag that's going to wreck the
20 landscape, wreck the land, wreck our tourism, wreck the
21 possibility of keeping our state beautiful. It just
22 seems that we're just doing this for a bunch of
23 politicians that want to be mayor and city councilmen and
24 supervisors of the biggest state -- or the largest, most
25 producing state. That's not what it's about. They

1 should keep it wonderful.

2 We are the second city. We should be the
3 historic and beautiful city, the special city. We do not
4 want to be the LA. We want to be the San Francisco.
5 Thank you.

6 MESSAGE 131: I want to comment on the
7 Rosemont Mine because the country needs the copper.
8 Arizona needs the jobs. A hundred years from now, nobody
9 will know the difference as far as the shape of the
10 mountain is concerned or the effects of the mining of the
11 remedial aspects that are in play now will not damage
12 anything over the long run and the wildlife will benefit
13 as they have from the former ANAMAX mine. That mine
14 being alive with deer herds and coyotes and bobcats and
15 other wildlife. And so as far as I'm concerned, the
16 Rosemont Mine is a big plus for Arizona and the country.

17 MESSAGE 132: Hello. My name is Richard
18 Henson. And I would just like to register my opposition
19 to the Rosemont Mining -- Mine going through in the -- in
20 the --

21 MESSAGE 133: Hi. I'm making this call to
22 let you know that I'm one of the people who don't think
23 that we need a copper mine in the Santa Ritas. The area
24 is popular with people for recreation. We have a growing
25 population here in Tucson and we're going to need

1 beautiful spots like that that are relatively untouched.
2 Your mine just does not fit into that area. Just look at
3 the beautiful Green Valley area, you know, I mean that
4 land has been reclaimed and refixed, and it's supposed to
5 look like it was before. Come on guys. It's really
6 pretty sad.

7 Also, Route 83 is a scenic highway, and all
8 the traffic that will be involved with the mine, all the
9 big trucks, little trucks, cars, et cetera. The road is
10 just not geared for something like that, so that would
11 really make a mess of that situation.

12 There's no water issue. Whether you were
13 using CAP water or whether you're using our ground water.
14 It's still water that's going to come from one place or
15 another. And since we are in a drought, and who knows
16 how long that will last. It seems silly -- silly is not
17 even the right word, is it -- to plan on using such vast
18 amounts that -- that you will make -- oh, golly, so many
19 other things, when it comes to how many people the mine
20 says they'll employ, I kind of have my doubts about that
21 because so many other things don't seem to come true once
22 you get started.

23 You can't guarantee that there won't be any
24 problem with water purity in the future. This just is
25 not the area. We don't like the idea that someone from

1 out of the country is doing that, too. I mean there goes
2 the profit right out, and we are the ones left holding
3 the bag. Don't look for so many new uses of copper. I
4 hear, oh, they're looking for new uses. If you don't
5 look for new uses you won't need so many new mines, okay.
6 I'm sure that you could find another way to earn a
7 living. At one time or another, we all have to make a
8 change, okay. Thank you so much. Bye-bye.

9 MESSAGE 134: The fact that the Forest
10 Service is even contemplating permitting of a copper mine
11 in that area arouses serious concerns about the
12 legitimacy of the management of Forest Service areas.
13 That area is so obviously inappropriate for that kind of
14 development, that it makes me wonder if in future years
15 with a change in National government the officials in
16 charge of making these decisions to allow this copper
17 mine in this area will not be investigated for
18 malfeasance or using their public positions to enrich
19 themselves.

20 MESSAGE 135: Hello. My name is Greg Moon.
21 I wanted to comment on the Rosemont Mine situation. I
22 personally think it would be a shame, because the area is
23 quite nice. However, my primary objection is allowing
24 mining activities on public lands. If the company that
25 wishes to develop that area purchases the land at current

1 fair market value that any citizen, not somebody that's
2 gaining special consideration, could purchase the land
3 for current market price, if they elect to do so and
4 those funds go into preserving other lands and such, then
5 so be it. Sell them the -- sell them the land, make them
6 be responsible for cleanup and commitment to the
7 environment and make sure that their mining activities
8 only affect the land on which they purchase, they own.

9 Of course easements and right of ways,
10 that's subject to the same rules as everything else. But
11 if they want to mine the land, they need to buy the land,
12 and they need to buy the land with no concessions. They
13 need to buy the land at current market value that would
14 bear on the current land and real estate prices. So
15 that's my thought. I hope you take it to mind. Thank
16 you.

17 MESSAGE 136: My name is Kelly Rouden. I'm
18 a former City Councilman in Willcox, Arizona, still live
19 here in Willcox. And I'm in favor of that mine. We've
20 lost far too many jobs to overseas mining. We've lost
21 far too many manufacturing jobs. Rosemont seems like the
22 company that is inclined to be responsible about their
23 operations, and we need those jobs and we need that
24 production going on in our country. I would be happy to
25 elaborate on that. You may call me at 520-384-3371 or

1 520-507-5688. Thank you.

2 MESSAGE 137: I would like to just say that
3 I oppose the Rosemont Copper Project due to the
4 environmental implications it may have. My name is Maria
5 Williams. And I am a Tucson resident. And just make a
6 note of this. Thank you. Bye-bye.

7 MESSAGE 138: I'm very much opposed to the
8 Rosemont Mine. We live in the desert and need our water
9 supply, and we need it to be clean and not contaminated
10 by a mine operation. Moving out heavy equipment over our
11 roads will be destructive. Green Valley and the
12 surrounding area has suffered enough from mine pollution.
13 Say no to the Rosemont Mine. Signed Mary Anna Welch,
14 148 East El Viento, Green Valley, Arizona, 85614. Phone:
15 520-648-1212. Thank you.

16 MESSAGE 139: My name is John Kerkus. And
17 I wish to commend you to -- or ask you to go ahead with
18 the Rosemont Copper Mine. I am for the construction of
19 the mine. And I just wanted to make this comment. I
20 feel that it is good for the community, for the area and
21 for the state. And for the country. Thank you.

22 MESSAGE 140: Yes, I'm -- my name is
23 Barbara Brummel. I'm very concerned about this because
24 of all the pollution it's going to cause. The water is
25 already bad. Our air is bad. Our earth is bad. There's

1 no reason -- there's just no reason. There's no reason
2 to keep doing this. We need to start fixing the earth.
3 We can't keep doing this. That's all. Thank you.

4 MESSAGE 141: Hi. My name is Roxanne
5 Brummel, and I'm a resident in Tucson. I'm also a
6 registered voter. And I just want to say that I'm
7 against the open mining here in Sahuarita because you
8 guys have ruined Tucson as it is. And when is this going
9 to stop. This just is getting bigger and bigger and the
10 water, environment -- and the animals have no place to
11 go. So I'm against open mining for copper in Sahuarita.
12 That is ridiculous. So I am against it. Thank you.
13 Have a wonderful day.

14 MESSAGE 142: Good morning. Thank you for
15 taking -- or listening to my call. I'm not in favor of
16 it. That's a scenic drive. Sort of like Hannigan
17 Meadows. And Clifton over there has a big open pit mine,
18 but that's not exactly in the forest, that's in the
19 bottom end. So as you're driving up to Hannigan Meadows
20 on that scenic drive, you're driving through the trees
21 and it's the way you want it to be.

22 We drive down to Gardner Canyon a lot, not
23 as often as we used to because of the gas prices. But
24 because it's a scenic drive and it's so close to
25 Tucson -- we live on the east side off of Houghton and

1 Golf Links -- it's just a beautiful drive. And we have a
2 four-wheel drive, and we drove up to where they were
3 drilling a couple of years ago. You can see that from
4 the road easy. And if they put a huge open pit, you've
5 got huge trucks, more traffic, they'd have to just
6 destroy that highway that's there now to make it large
7 enough to haul everything. Because right now they use
8 police cars to escort large items down that road, and I
9 can't imagine a huge open pit. It would just change it
10 completely.

11 Sonoita, that area, it's different, it's
12 grass lands. It's a mile high, which people don't
13 expect. And there's antelope down there. We've seen
14 lots of deer and stuff driving by the road. And I know
15 copper is big, but go over to Globe and work it over
16 there were it's already established.

17 Anyway, I just hope they don't put it in,
18 and that's my two bits. Thank you for listening. Bye
19 now.

20 MESSAGE 143: Yeah. My name is Jesus
21 Maldonado, from Tucson, Arizona. I have been trying
22 several times to get with the newspaper reporters to give
23 them the information that I have on that Canyon. And
24 then the reason why -- they never mention this, and I've
25 talked to the newspaper reporters about it, that that

1 canyon was surveyed not too long ago. And they found
2 over 300 indian sites. Okay.

3 Now, then they found a strange little
4 animal that they couldn't find here in the University
5 here in Arizona. They couldn't determine what kind of a
6 creature that was. UCLA helped them on it. It was a
7 miniature camel that used to roam here many thousands of
8 years ago. Now to me it's interesting, what are they
9 going to do, they went through the survey, and they
10 still, these people are still after destroying that
11 Canyon.

12 If they want copper so bad why don't they
13 go out in the moon someplace or some other country to get
14 their darn copper. Why destroy something that's great
15 here that we can use in the future. That's my comment.
16 Thank you. Bye-bye. What --

17 MESSAGE 144: (No audio.)

18 MESSAGE 145: Hi, this is Dan Wolff. I'm a
19 resident of southeast Tucson. And I'm aware of the area
20 that the proposed mine is going to be located at. I am
21 strongly opposed to this mine development project. For
22 many years mines have had special dispensation in this
23 state and have used that -- the laws to mine mineral
24 products from the Arizona properties and soil.

25 I understand that there is a short-term

1 economic benefit in jobs that will be created for this
2 mining operation. However, the benefit will only be
3 temporary. It will only provide benefits for a small
4 number of people and long-term impact of this mining
5 activity will be felt for much longer and will have a
6 much more profound impact on the economy and the well
7 being of this state and this area because of the damage
8 that it will do to the environment, which cannot be
9 repaired as evidenced by remnants of many mines that have
10 left toxic substances and are going bankrupt, such as
11 ASARCO, because they can't afford to carry the
12 responsibility for the post mining cleanup.

13 Again, I understand the benefits that
14 people see in the short term for jobs, but these will
15 only be temporary. And much of the minerals will be --
16 much of the copper mine will go overseas to support the
17 economies of other countries, not the United States. So
18 I'm strongly opposed to this mining operation and wish to
19 see the Forest Service decline the permit from this point
20 forward, for any interest despite the potential value of
21 the mineral deposits underneath the ground. Thank you.

22 MESSAGE 146: Hello. This is Jerome
23 William Brommel, Jr. I live at -- okay. I live in
24 Tucson. And I'm -- I'm against open pit mining for
25 copper, and it's too close to Tucson, for one. And I

1 don't like it. I'm not against it in the state, but I'm
2 against it being so close to Tucson, and mostly because
3 of the way it affects the animals and the water. Thank
4 you very much.

5 MESSAGE 147: My name is Kathleen Forker.
6 I want to go on record as being opposed to this Rosemont
7 Mine. I moved to Tucson in 1960. And I lived in
8 Sahuarita, in the village of Santo Tomas. And one of my
9 greatest joys was sitting on the screen porch and looking
10 out at the Santa Rita Mountains. I worked for ASARCO. I
11 worked for the chief geologist. First Kenyon Richards
12 and the next, John Courtwright. I know -- as much as I
13 loved these men. As much as I loved my workers, my
14 fellow workers. I know that they are not. They do not
15 care for the environment, they never have. They do not
16 believe in global warming. They are strictly geologists,
17 miners, men of the -- they're just -- they're different.
18 I know this. So please, please, don't harm this gorgeous
19 scenery we have here. Thank you.

20 MESSAGE 148: Hello. My name is Susan
21 Husband. I'm a resident of Tucson, Arizona. I'm calling
22 to voice my opposition to the proposed Rosemont Copper
23 mine. My main concern is the restoration of the area.
24 They say that they will restore the area after the
25 mining, but have they shown us examples of any successful

1 restoration project. And any that they've done. The
2 only restoration that I've seen are the mine dumps by
3 Green Valley, which offer a few 30 year old spindly trees
4 which have been watered with our water. This is not
5 restoration.

6 And I believe that their promises of
7 environmental mitigation are empty ones. The amount of
8 devastation that this project will impact for 20 years of
9 income is just not worth it.

10 I'm also wondering, I think Canadian laws
11 must be stricter, and perhaps that is why this spot in
12 southeastern Arizona looks so good to them. So I am
13 opposed. I think there will be great destruction. And I
14 don't believe that the Rosemont Copper Company will come
15 in and restore the area to its previous condition. Thank
16 you.

17 MESSAGE 149: Yeah, hi. This is supposed
18 to be a free market economy. I say lift all
19 restrictions. Let the mine go ahead. Jobs are more
20 important than anything right now. Um, not only that,
21 the objection to the environmentalists are ridiculous
22 because there's not an environmentalist on earth that
23 doesn't live in a house made of wood that's cut down from
24 trees and whose house is not on a piece of property that
25 formerly was pristine nature in character. So I say lift

1 all restrictions. Let the mine go ahead. It provides
2 jobs and that's the most important thing. Thank you.

3 MESSAGE 150: Hello. My name is Vicki
4 Siegel, that's V-i-c-k-i, Siegel, S-i-e-g-e-l. My
5 address is 234 De, as in dog, Paseo Quinta, Q-u-i-n-t-a,
6 Green Valley, Arizona. And I am completely, 100 percent
7 against this Rosemont Mine proceeding, and I think on all
8 levels it is a really negative project. And it will have
9 an incredibly negative impact. And I really hope that
10 the Forest Service and the government entities will
11 listen to the public and do what's right. And I, you
12 know, I don't know what it will take. I'm not completely
13 totally educated on, you know, what could stop this
14 powerful company from getting their way. But I -- I
15 really hope that the government, who is people's
16 representatives, will prevent it from happening. Thank
17 you very much. Bye.

18 MESSAGE 151: Hi. This is Mr. Rios
19 calling. Reference to Rosemont Mine. Having worked in
20 the mining industry in the past for several years I think
21 it's time that we take a little harder look at what these
22 guys are doing, because they say one thing and do
23 something else and we end up with a big hole in the
24 ground that eventually gets used for a garbage pit. I'm
25 not in favor of this because that's a very pristine area.

1 And I think we need to revise the 1872 mining law so that
2 the government gets some royalties off of what these
3 clowns are taking out of the ground. Bye-bye.

4 MESSAGE 152: First let me say, please,
5 that I am very distressed that it appears as in the
6 printed media and at the public hearings that the Forest
7 Service sees their role in this issue as one of just
8 looking for a reason to approve the mine. I think that
9 is not fair to the people who are affected by it. I
10 think their role should be one to truly listen to the
11 comments and then make a decision.

12 I am very concerned about the water issue.
13 The thought of using our precious and very limited ground
14 water for the purpose of mining is very wrong. I think
15 the CAP water that they promised is certainly an unknown
16 entity and for an unknown period of time. We need to
17 preserve and protect our ground water first, last and
18 always. In addition, the Santa Rita mountains are the
19 last of the pristine areas in the Tucson valley. And it
20 should be firmly protected.

21 There is no need for yet another copper
22 mine. There are many copper mines that are not in use at
23 the moment that could be reopened. I think to scar the
24 Santa Rita Mountains is unconscionable. And I think the
25 Forest Service needs to pay close attention to the wishes

1 of the citizens of this community. Thank you.

2 MESSAGE 153: This is Dr. John Hughes, who
3 is presently an individual, but representing the
4 nanotechnology cluster of Arizona. We've addressed some
5 of the questions of the Rosemont Mine in the search for
6 win/win situations. The issue of how much of this would
7 be involving public lands versus private lands, we have
8 not gone into the details. We would like to see a
9 resolution of this in which the tailings from previous
10 mining were cleaned up adequately with the arsenicals
11 removed, and we have looked into the issue of advanced
12 solar technology for energy production over the lands
13 which presently are occupied by tailings.

14 Traditional mining methods of open pit
15 digging and crushing are very water and energy draining,
16 as we recognize. We're seeking to see wildlife, bird,
17 soil and other restoration done in conjunction with any
18 proposed program. Thank you.

19 MESSAGE 154: My name is Peter Manly. I'm
20 calling from Green Valley, Arizona. My comments are as
21 follows. The biggest concern I have besides the damage
22 that is done with the open pit mining is the fact that
23 historically no hard rock mining companies have held up
24 their end of the bargain in reclamation of the property
25 after the mining has been done.

1 I've got most of my information from the
2 book called "Collapse," titled "Collapse" by Jared
3 Diamond. And if you have not read it. You should read
4 the first chapter on Montana and the last chapters on
5 hard mining, hard rock mining. I think it's very
6 interesting, they talk about mine owners that are
7 currently doing business in this area today, and the past
8 failures to live up to their part of the deal with regard
9 to reclamation. Thank you very much. Good bye.

10 MESSAGE 155: I thank you for this
11 opportunity to express my displeasure at having the
12 proposed Rosemont Mine. I think it would be folly to
13 allow this mine to be -- this property to be mined. The
14 reason. One of the reasons we moved to Arizona in -- 26
15 years ago was for the beauty of this area. And in spite
16 of having mines on one side of I-19, the beauty looking
17 east to the Santa Rita Mountains is overwhelming and we
18 enjoyed it. That would be destroyed if there's mines
19 going up there. And the traffic would be bad, would be
20 overwhelming on the highways and even the side roads. So
21 people couldn't go up in the mountains with their
22 vehicle -- their off the road vehicles. It would
23 eliminate much of the recreational properties of the
24 area. I strongly urge this not to be -- to go forward.
25 I thank you very much.

1 MESSAGE 156: This is Jeanette Blank
2 speaking, 520-648-1667. I'm against the Rosemont Mine
3 being approved by the US Forestry Service, primarily
4 because of the excessive use of water, when our water
5 table is going down rapidly. Also, it has a negative
6 affect on the local wells already, the drilling that has
7 been done by the Rosemont Mine. Ecologically, it has a
8 very negative effect on the wildlife and many other
9 aspects of ecology. So I'm very much against the
10 Rosemont Mine being approved. Thank you.

11 MESSAGE 157: My name is Jesus Maldonado.
12 I already made a comment before, but I don't think I gave
13 you enough information. But I have cooled down a little
14 bit now because I raised my dander up a little bit. But
15 I have information that would be real -- could be used.
16 Like the comment I made before that the newspaper is not
17 doing anything about it. Because I talked to three
18 reporters like within the last 18 months. And nothing's
19 been done. But you people can get in touch with me. And
20 I can give you information of a survey that happened over
21 20 years ago. And if you guys need it, this information,
22 just give me a call. My phone number is 623-2902 in
23 Tucson, Arizona. And my son was -- is still an
24 archeologist. And he was the one that pulled the survey
25 of that Canyon from one end to the other. But who's got

1 the documents, I don't know. I don't know whether in the
2 archives or the University Museum, or -- or maybe my
3 friend's got a copy, because he always kept a copy of a
4 lot of the surveys he did around Tucson. He's working
5 for he Navajo Nation now, but if you people are
6 interested, I'll give you his phone number and
7 everything. Thank you.

8 MESSAGE 158: Hello. This is Andy Durazo
9 from Douglas, Arizona. My phone number is 805-1315. And
10 my comment is it's excellent that you're bringing the
11 Rosemont Mine in the Tucson area, which is going to
12 create a lot of jobs. I'm also interested in working for
13 Rosemont. I'm an equipment operator, I have my CDL
14 driver's license. I'm an ex-Phelps Dodge worker. So
15 keep up the good work and let me know about the address
16 and hiring procedures for this Rosemont Company. Thank
17 you very much. Have a good day. Bye.

18 MESSAGE 159: My husband and I feel that
19 the absolutely beautiful scenery in the mountains on the
20 Forest Service road going through Rosemont coming out on
21 to Box Canyon is one of the most gorgeous scenes in
22 southern Arizona. It would be an absolute shame to put a
23 copper mine in there, or any kind of mine in there. That
24 is wonderful mountain land that just can't be replaced.
25 That's the way we feel. Thank you.

1 MESSAGE 160: (No audio.)

2 MESSAGE 161: Yes, this is Keith Brown.

3 And I'd like to state that I'm highly opposed to the mine
4 effort in Rosemont. I do a lot of camping in that
5 mountain range. And I don't want to be looking at a mine
6 when I'm looking for nature. Thank you.

7 MESSAGE 162: My name is Michael. I live
8 in Tucson, Arizona. My comments regarding the Rosemont
9 proposition are I feel that it's not a good idea. The
10 highway that drives by the area that's going to be where
11 this large open pit is is a scenic highway, which the
12 blight of an open pit operation would harm that
13 designation. Plus we have the problems of water
14 withdrawals to make the mine work, and the kind of
15 problems that they're currently having over in the Green
16 Valley area with the open pit mines that are there where
17 they've got large slag and tailing piles that nothing
18 will grow on, so they have constant dust problems,
19 besides just the plain ugly appearance of this huge
20 terraced pile of material along side the perimeter of
21 Green Valley. I don't think that that kind of thing is
22 good for what Tucson is most known for these days. And
23 that's sunshine for retirees and vacationers.

24 The long-term prospects of employment are
25 probably pretty not guaranteed. They could employ people

1 for a while after they've dug a huge amount of overburden
2 off of the area and find that they're not going to be
3 able to extract as much material as they'd hoped. And
4 the end result will be we'll have this huge scar on the
5 road side of the scenic highway, and the employment
6 possibilities evaporate, as is evidenced by what's
7 happened north of us up near San Manuel and some of the
8 other mines that have shut down in this state. Thank you
9 very much.

10 MESSAGE 163: I hope that you all take into
11 consideration that if the proposed mine is approved, it
12 will threaten our national security. You may wonder,
13 well, how could it threaten our national security. Well,
14 right now the air space is used by Davis Monthan Air
15 Force Base for training. This is their main flight area.
16 If the mine goes in, they will no longer be able to use
17 that training space. The likelihood is that Davis
18 Monthan would be closed. Besides losing approximately
19 4300 jobs, for the sake of 200 for the mine. We will
20 have lost one of our most valuable, valuable resources,
21 which is Davis Monthan Air Force Base. Please, please
22 consider not accepting the mine under any circumstances,
23 and keeping Davis Monthan. It is truly national
24 security. And my name is Eileen and you have my phone
25 number. And I appreciate it. Bye-bye.

1 MESSAGE 164: Hi. My name is Dick Olson. I
2 am a construction owner in the Tucson area. I've owned
3 my own construction company here for about 25 years. I'm
4 also a former employee of Magma Copper Company. And I
5 just want to say that I don't think that the damage to
6 the environment that's going to be caused by the Rosemont
7 Mine is worth the few jobs that are going to be provided.
8 I think the quality of life is more important. Thank you
9 very much. Bye.

10 MESSAGE 165: Yes, here is Emmet McGloklin
11 speaking. I'm calling to express my support for the
12 Rosemont project. I'm a real estate broker with my home
13 in Sonoita and my office in Tucson, so I ride Arizona 83
14 regularly, and I'm aware of the location of the proposed
15 site. Like everyone else using the highway, I am
16 concerned about the added traffic hazards caused by large
17 mining trucks using the highway. But I'm sure that by
18 the end of this process, that the problem will have been
19 addressed and mitigated.

20 Last week I noticed an ad in the Financial
21 Times where the Russian Norilsk Mining Company was
22 touting the fact that they now own mines from Siberia to
23 Montana. My wife read in the Internet of other Russian
24 companies preparing to buy into our American mining and
25 other primary industries. Combine this with the

1 knowledge that the Chinese government holds a trillion
2 and a half dollar Sword of Damocles over our nation's
3 collective head and one sees that we are really in a
4 pickle.

5 And we should all recognize the necessity
6 of developing our domestic mining industry, even when the
7 developers are Canadians. So please register my support
8 for Rosemont. Here's Emmet McGloklin, 8383 East 22nd
9 Street in Tucson. Phone number is 546-9393. Although, I
10 think you have me here as 546-9299. Thank you.

11 MESSAGE 166: Yes, I just want to comment
12 on the Rosemont, one thing is we always talk about the
13 high price of oil because of foreign companies. So
14 wouldn't it be better that we develop our own resources,
15 so basically getting the copper from our own country.
16 That's why we talk about unemployment. Wouldn't it be
17 better to have places to have jobs in our own country.
18 But the biggest concern is water. If San Diego and Los
19 Angeles can pump the water out of the desert, use it,
20 clean it up and just dump it in the ocean. Why can't we
21 make them return the water back to the desert, then we
22 wouldn't have a water issue, because we could then simply
23 use that water. So the issue of water is kind of bogus.

24 And things being pretty or not. Well,
25 that's one of the prices of industrialization. There's,

1 you know, sometimes there is this temporary, ugly scar
2 that we have to put up with for 30, 40 years. But our
3 grand children will see a nice clean area once they
4 leave. Thank you. Bye.

5 MESSAGE 167: I wish I could be sure that
6 this phone call is received for its merit and not for a
7 yes or a no answer. I am concerned for the environment
8 and water consumption. But what is heavy on my heart is
9 the health issue of the individual people that will be
10 affected. Have you truly given thought of the schools.
11 The teachers many times are going to have to keep the
12 kids off the playground because of the air pollution, the
13 gray dust on the ground and so forth. These same
14 situations are on houses, on the golf course. Those who
15 try to get out, walk.

16 And now have you taken account of the time
17 that has already been involved to get any past clean up
18 done by the owners. The procrastination back and forth.
19 And now knowing that people out of our country will be
20 involved. Are you kidding me. I hear words from the
21 miner supporters about jobs, clean up, and so forth.
22 Well, they sound good but realistically the people
23 working there and living here will bring more devastation
24 to the medical arenas than they can even handle.

25 Over the past two years, the area has done

1 some heavy growing, and it is still an area that has much
2 to offer in beauty and in out-of-town enjoyment. Bottom
3 line, opening this or these mines around here would be
4 devastating. Is it really worth it.

5 Thank you for letting me say what's on my
6 heart. And I just want to let you know that more people
7 than you can imagine that won't be making this phone call
8 because maybe they're too old or they just don't take the
9 time. So many of them that I've talked with feel this
10 way, and I'm sure that you know that. Thanks again for
11 taking this call. Bye.

12 MESSAGE 168: My name is Donna Widgey, I
13 live in Pima County. And my mailing address is P.O. Box
14 27639, Tucson, Arizona, 85726. My husband William and I
15 believe that allowing the Rosemont Mine operation on US
16 Forest land in the Santa Rita Mountains is an outrage and
17 an affrontation to taxpayers and citizens of this state.
18 The Forest Service should be charged with the highest and
19 best use of the land. Land which is set aside for
20 renewable, natural resources. Mining does not renew
21 natural resources. Mining destroys the land, takes away
22 from the land, and puts nothing back and renews nothing.
23 The mines at Bisbee and Green Valley are good examples of
24 how mining has destroyed natural resources. The US
25 forest land in the Santa Rita Mountains is one of the few

1 remaining, unspoiled and natural places close to the ever
2 growing population in the Tucson metropolitan area, as
3 well as it surrounding, Vail, Sahuarita, Green Valley and
4 Sonoita. The public deserves an accessible place to get
5 away from it all. Not another mine. Thank you for the
6 opportunity to comment.

7 MESSAGE 169: Hello. I'm Margie McFee, and
8 I'm calling to say that I am in favor of the Rosemont
9 Mine. My husband and my son work across the way at that
10 Freeport McMoRan Mine. And my son is really excited
11 about the possibility of going to Rosemont Mine, or
12 whatever it's going to be called because it will be new
13 and clean and younger and -- anyway -- and my husband is
14 all for it to because it creates more jobs, so, so am I.
15 And thank you very much for this opportunity. Okay.
16 Bye.

17 MESSAGE 170: Hello. I want to register
18 opposition to the Rosemont Mine. I think it would be a
19 bad idea. And use too much water and too much
20 transportation problems.

21 MESSAGE 171: My name is Raymond L. Smith.
22 My phone number is 520-726-6984 -- no, no my phone number
23 is 520-625-6984. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to
24 make comments on the Rosemont project without facing an
25 emotional, single-minded packed audience at your open

1 meetings. People understand the need for housing
2 development, roads, power lines, even with the knowledge
3 that these requirements of modern living diminish their
4 environment. Yet they fail to understand the need for
5 the minerals of the earth, such as copper, even though
6 they could not live a modern life without them.

7 Without copper we would not have
8 automobiles as we know them, air conditioning, washing
9 machines, nothing that requires non-battery electric
10 power. Roads and the housing developments can be built
11 about anywhere. But minerals such as copper must be
12 developed where nature put them. I understand the
13 concern of people when their environment is threatened,
14 but have difficulty understanding their failure to
15 realize that if they want the benefits of the material it
16 would be as far for it to come from their backyards as
17 from someone else's.

18 Rosemont's plans for this mine are as
19 environmentally forward looking as modern technology and
20 economics provides. The United States needs the copper
21 it will provide. Green Valley needs the CAP water it
22 will provide. The area needs the jobs it will provide.
23 Edmund Birk of the 18th century put it well when he wrote
24 our government, in deed, every human benefit and
25 enjoyment, every virtue, every prudent act is founded on

1 compromise and bar. In short we have to give up some
2 things in order to get others. It is time for the people
3 of the earth to think just as much about what they and
4 their country are getting as what they are losing.

5 In conclusion, I am not connected in any
6 way with Rosemont Mine. I'm a retired university
7 president, with many years of experience in education and
8 research. Thank you very much.

9 MESSAGE 172: Hi. My comment is against
10 the permitting of the Rosemont Mine. I feel that public
11 land should be administered for the benefit of the
12 largest good of the public. And I don't feel that this
13 mine would be in that interest. I think it would benefit
14 the shareholders in the mine, which as I understand is
15 largely foreign. It would benefit those who were
16 employed there, but beyond that, the degradation to the
17 environment would affect a far greater number through
18 loss of water in the table and possible pollution of the
19 water table and the affect on tourism and the affect of
20 the pollution from the mine tailings and the disruption
21 to the area of the traffic.

22 And I feel the profits would largely go
23 overseas, the people who are actually employed there
24 would benefit would be offset by the much larger
25 community that would be adversely affected. Thank you

1 for letting me register my opinion. Good day.

2 MESSAGE 173: My name is Mary Ellen
3 Bastian. I live on West Cotter Drive in Green Valley,
4 Arizona. My phone number is 520-399-0159. No, no, no,
5 to the Rosemont Mine. The lack of water, we would
6 destroy the beauty of the mountains, which could never be
7 replaced. Look at the record of the mining companies.
8 My house outside furniture, even my car in a shut garage
9 was coated in white powder during one of their wind
10 generated problems. So no to the Rosemont Mine. Thank
11 you.

12 MESSAGE 174: Hello. My name is William
13 Owen Nugent. I live at 2121 East Mabel. My phone number
14 is 323-8441. My family has lived here for four
15 generations. We own a business that has been in
16 continuous operation for 72 years. And we own property
17 throughout Pima County and the Tucson area. I object
18 very strongly to this mining proposal in the Rosemont
19 area. The tradeoff that's coming from saying that this
20 will create jobs and toxicity to the environment and the
21 devastation to the environment is not a legacy that I
22 feel as a taxpayer and a person that has invested in this
23 state want to pass on to our children and the next
24 generations. Again, I object strongly on environmental
25 grounds. And on the grounds that it is a poorly thought

1 out. Especially when the copper that they're talking
2 about will probably end up being exported rather than
3 used internally to the United States. Thank you.

4 MESSAGE 175: Good afternoon. My name is
5 Ganson Purcell. First name G-a-n-s-o-n, last name
6 P-u-r-c-e-l-l. My wife and I have just arrived in
7 southeast Arizona for a week of wildlife investigations.
8 We were somewhat alarmed upon arriving to find out that
9 there is a contentious issue being debated as to whether
10 the Santa Rita Mountains should be host to a copper
11 mining operation. We have read considerable in the press
12 about this. We'll add the following comments.

13 First of all, any questions such as this
14 going after natural resource involves a difficult balance
15 of preservation and necessary utilization. Apparently
16 the enabling statute that would allow this to go forward
17 is an 1872 mining law, which may be a convenient
18 technicality to allow the operation to go ahead, but by
19 its very date, it's certainly out of date, as it would
20 appear to be a weakly link or weak reason to allow the
21 project to go forward.

22 On the issue of water, we all know that
23 water is becoming increasingly an alarming problem,
24 particularly in this area of the country. The amount is
25 low. The amount used by this mine project will be large.

1 And in the process of using the water, considerable
2 damage will be incurred by the environment, the mine
3 which is then hosed down at great velocity.

4 The company alleges that jobs will be
5 created, apparently anywhere up to 500 for 20 years.
6 That number of jobs pales by the comparison to the
7 numbers of jobs attending to eco tourism and good living
8 here in southeast Arizona. I think the jobs issues is
9 similarly very weak.

10 There are issues of environmental safety.
11 Actually, social safety in terms of highway to be used by
12 trucks. We'll leave that one and go on to a final one of
13 environmental damage. There will clearly be tremendous
14 toxic waste. There will be potential damage to 200
15 million dollar astronomical observation site which will
16 provide critical knowledge to the world astronomy. To
17 have an proximate operation such as mining with blasting
18 makes no sense at all.

19 Further more, air pollution. That will be
20 my final comment. Four years ago when flying into the
21 city of San Diego in California, the pilot said, look
22 left at the brown cloud in the distance. That is --

23 MESSAGE 176: Yes, my name is Jean Martin.
24 And I have objections to this Rosemont Mine. And I hope
25 that they'll do a little more studying on it and so

1 forth. I think it's a terrible thing that we're even
2 considering it in line of the situation with our water
3 and so forth and also with that lovely area, and I'm
4 totally in disagreement with it. And if there's anything
5 I need -- you know, anybody wants to call me, my number
6 is 298-8314. Area code 520. Thank you.

7 MESSAGE 177: My name is John McPherson. I
8 live in Green Valley and pay taxes here. And have a
9 number of comments on the proposed mine. And in no
10 particular order, there seems to be a lot of housing,
11 housing development that aren't complete down here
12 running from just south of Tucson down to Tubac and Rio
13 Rico. I have to believe that if this mine goes through
14 that those projects will virtually come to a halt. I
15 live in Quail Creek, I wouldn't have bought here if I had
16 any imagination that there's going to be a mine in the
17 Santa Ritas right behind me. It's bad enough looking
18 across the other side to the Sierrita and Mission mine
19 and see what they've done with that mountain.

20 I'm concerned about the mine people seem to
21 be very cavalier about saying, oh, we'll get water from
22 the Colorado River, not to worry, we won't draw down your
23 water shed. When in fact there's no guarantee they can
24 get water from the Colorado River. Maybe somebody would
25 say today they can, but that can change in a heart beat.

1 That could change next week or next year. And then they
2 would draw down more on the water shed, and in the mean
3 time how are we going to have water to drink and flush
4 the toilets. I think it's very, very optimistic and poor
5 planning on their part.

6 I think if any people here have gone up to
7 Morenci and -- up there to see what Freeport has done to
8 that piece of the mountain in that part of the world,
9 they would just shudder. It would make this Sahuarita
10 thing look like nothing. But we didn't move here to have
11 the Santa Ritas mountains look like a land fill, like it
12 does at the Sierrita mines.

13 So our concerns are water, water, water.
14 I think the housing would come to a stop. They talked
15 about 500 jobs. Those people aren't going to live in
16 expensive housing down in Tubac. Proposing the mission
17 project, 15,000 homes. I think if people move it's going
18 to be, they're going to have the landfill look behind
19 them from the Mission and Sierrita mine. And they're
20 going to have something similar across the way on the
21 Santa Ritas. I don't think that that project could go
22 anywhere either.

23 And then what the county is left with is a
24 mess, the developer will walk away. And what happens if
25 the price of copper goes down, the Rosemont people will

1 just walk away, leave the mess they made and there it is.

2 So again, I know copper is high priced
3 right now, who has thought about the environmental
4 damages that probably will --

5 MESSAGE 178: Yes, this is Leslie Lawrence.
6 And in regards to the Rosemont Copper, the -- in the last
7 60 years or so many copper deposits have been discovered
8 in Arizona, and most basically worked out by now, you dig
9 one up by Globe going down 5,000 feet to that big one.
10 It will be worked in 66 years. And our world supply of
11 minerals is being used up way too fast, so the Rosemont,
12 it's an easy one, it's near the surface, let's get it
13 while we can. They can use that overseas site,
14 observation sites, tours, and all to make up for some of
15 the other things that they are losing. But we definitely
16 need to salvage and make use of all the minerals that we
17 can and due to population growth, we better get that one
18 while we can. And they can manage it pretty good. We
19 can't have everything. But we do need our minerals
20 because we use them up way too fast now. So I guess
21 that's about it. Thank you.

22 MESSAGE 179: Yes, I do have a comment
23 about the Rosemont Mine. I think it should be a good
24 deal for the State of Arizona and for its employment.
25 I think that this mine will help our economy. I think we

1 can get a lot done with it. I think there's a lot of
2 people that will agree with me, and mostly mining
3 community people, which I am. And I prefer to see the
4 Rosemont Copper Mine have a go ahead. Thank you. Bye.

5 MESSAGE 180: Hello. The Rosemont area,
6 that Madera Canyon area, that Santa Rita area is unique,
7 is breathtakingly beautiful, is Arizona at its most
8 beautiful. I am an Arizona native, and I am absolutely
9 sick and appalled to think that we would even consider
10 letting a mining company come in and mine that beautiful,
11 beautiful, pristine area. Further more as far as jobs
12 go, our whole world is a job changing market. And all of
13 this has to continually do education, to be qualified for
14 the job market where we live. I do.

15 And the reality is to destroy something
16 that can never be replaced again, for jobs, doesn't make
17 sense, because eventually those jobs will be gone to. So
18 we might as well keep ourselves educated and work towards
19 making ourselves qualified for the jobs that do exist,
20 and that's true for me as well as it is for anyone else.
21 But that area is irreplaceable. Please protect it.
22 Please do not let the miners in to destroy that
23 beautiful, beautiful area. It's really a sacred area.
24 Thank you.

25 MESSAGE 181: My comment is I am opposed,

1 against the Rosemont Copper Mine in the Santa Rita
2 Mountains. And I'm asking the Forest Service to -- the
3 stickers they were handing at the June 30th public
4 hearing respected and I'm asking the Forest Service, we
5 respect it, would you please protect it. Thank you.

6 MESSAGE 182: This is Tim Hunter. I live
7 in Tucson, but have property in Sonoita, Arizona where
8 I have an active observatory. I frequently drive down to
9 Sonoita and I'm very concerned about the proposed
10 Rosemont Mine. I feel that the traffic on the roads in
11 that area will be greatly overloaded and the roads will
12 be torn up. I also feel that the mine will be harmful to
13 the ground water, in addition to being an eye sore.

14 Moreover, I'm very concerned about any
15 lighting that would be used at the mine. The lighting
16 would not only affect me at a fair distance from the
17 mine, it would also affect the surrounding amateur
18 observatories in Sonoita and may have a significant
19 impact on the world class observing that goes on in the
20 observatory that's actually in the mountains right there
21 at the Molymer (phonetic), Smithsonian, Molymer
22 Observatory. So for all these reasons I will greatly
23 oppose the mine project. In addition, the citizens of
24 Arizona and the US would receive very little in royalties
25 for this mine. And it would be extracting harmful,

1 environmental thing and extracting resources that would
2 be going elsewhere for little benefit from the citizens
3 that live in the area. So I would like to register my
4 strong opposition to the mine. Thank you.

5 MESSAGE 183: Yes, this is Joanne, and
6 I want to make a comment on the proposed mine in the
7 Rosemont area. I think due to the fact that we are in a
8 constant water shortage dilemma here in southern Arizona
9 that this type of operation should definitely be
10 discouraged. And second of all, it is so close to a
11 large population and we need the environmental beauty and
12 the access to the wild areas, and to destroy that this
13 close to such a large community I think would be very
14 detrimental to that community at large. Thank you very
15 much.

16 MESSAGE 184: My name is James Kennedy, I'm
17 from Clifton, Arizona. I'm very much in favor of the
18 Rosemont Mine getting permitted. I feel that this will
19 create more jobs and keep more jobs in our country rather
20 than having them sent out of the country. The people
21 that are against this, most of them aren't even from the
22 southwest where I have been raised all my life, lived all
23 my life, worked in the mines all my life and supported
24 families, paid taxes in this part of the country. I was
25 in Tucson in 1960 when the mines were the main source of

1 income for Tucson. So therefore I'm very much in favor
2 of having the Rosemont Mine being permitted. Thank you.

3 MESSAGE 185: My name is Wendy Kennedy.
4 I'm from Clifton, Arizona. I'm in favor of the Rosemont
5 Mine being permitted for its operation. It will keep
6 jobs in the United States and benefit the community.

7 MESSAGE 186: Hi, my name is Rusty Sibley.
8 I live 17 round miles on the proposed copper mine that
9 you want to initiate. And I've thought this thing
10 through from when they first drilled 1200 and some foot
11 well about a mile and a -- well, one mile from my home
12 and after finally learning what was going on, my comment
13 is this. Why don't, after all the input that you had
14 from this area and Tucson and whatever, whatever
15 challenges blow this thing up and stay in Canada and
16 Japan or wherever it's at you're from, and just leave us
17 alone here in Arizona, especially in the beautiful Santa
18 Ritas.

19 Won't you please -- I just now heard the
20 signal, but won't you please just back off and let the
21 public's will (unintelligible), all right. I don't know
22 if I've got time to say any more, but this is God's
23 country here, not meant to be destroyed by money-making
24 concerns. We want the mountains, and we want the water.
25 We don't want Canada and we don't want Japan. And we

1 don't want any foreign extract, Mexico included. Again,
2 my name is Rusty Sibley, S-i-b-l-e-y. Area code
3 520-625-3226 and thank you for hearing my heart's desire.
4 Adios.

5 MESSAGE 187: I can't understand how anyone
6 with any understanding of the consequences of approving
7 the Rosemont Mine could live with themselves regardless
8 of any old mining law written in the 1800s. This mine
9 isn't even owned by an American company. It will take
10 profits out of the country. It will cause a rapid
11 lowering of an already lowering water table, put toxins
12 in already toxic water, damage eco tourism, make a dump
13 off now beautiful mountain area in a general cause a
14 lower quality of life. Shame on you for even considering
15 it.

16 MESSAGE 188: I am very much against the
17 Rosemont Mine. It will use way too much of our limited
18 water resources. It will leave the landscape trashed, a
19 big hole and unsightly tailing piles everywhere. Our
20 taxes will end up paying for your mess, we've already
21 seen how mines operate. And for all that, you make a
22 fortune selling to China. Nothing in your proposal
23 benefits southern Arizona. The mine is a very poor idea.
24 I am definitely against it. Thank you.

25 MESSAGE 189: The ground water that Augusta

1 Mine would use would never be returned to this fragile
2 desert area as it is, pure. The Pima County, Santa Cruz
3 County public is aware that we must protect the pure
4 water that we have, because not to do so will impact the
5 already fragile desert environment in our lifetime and
6 beyond.

7 MESSAGE 190: Hi, I just wanted to leave a
8 comment to say that I am extremely opposed to the Augusta
9 Corporation's mine. And I think it's a terrible,
10 terrible idea. And I think that the people of Tucson
11 think it's a terrible idea. And I hope that this doesn't
12 go through. I think it's a really bad thing for us, for
13 the city, and for the environment. And should not be
14 happening. So that's all I have to say. Thanks.

15 MESSAGE 191: Hello. This is Ruth Duncan,
16 and I live in Green Valley, and I want to voice my
17 opposition to the development of the so called Rosemont
18 Mine in the Santa Rita Mountains. Here in Green Valley
19 we have drinking water -- diminishing amount of drinking
20 water, and it's not projected to increase over the next
21 few years, and we are way down on the list for any water
22 from the CAP program. And this is my number one
23 objection because these mines use a lot of water.

24 And the second comment is that I know that
25 there are people who would like to have jobs that such an

1 undertaking would provide. However, if we look at the
2 picture realistically, considering this is a scenic area
3 and we depend on tourism to a large degree as far as our
4 economy in this area. I think probably more jobs will be
5 lost in the long run than gained by such a mine.

6 I am totally opposed to using our protected
7 land in such a fashion. And to think that we are just
8 willing to part with our national resources to a foreign
9 country I think is -- well, it's just horrible. And I
10 can't too strongly say that I do not support this and I
11 am strongly opposed to it. So, you know, the quality of
12 our life has suffered because of the mines that are
13 already in this area, with leakage into the water systems
14 that they have undertaken to correct, but they still
15 occur occasionally. And then we have dust that has blown
16 over the area from time to time even though they're
17 supposed to be controlling such problems.

18 Like I say, I have the strongest
19 recommendation that our government see to it that out
20 land is not sold for this purpose. Not only that, but to
21 destroy much of our scenic heritage. So put my name down
22 as strongly opposed to the mine. Thank you.

23 MESSAGE 192: Good afternoon. My name is
24 Dorita Ann Navarro. I live at Green Valley in Arizona,
25 south of Tucson. I'm calling July 5th at 3:30 in the

1 afternoon our time. And I'm voicing my opposition to
2 this proposition of opening up another, yet another mine
3 near us here in Santa Cruz Valley. And it's incredible
4 to me that with all the crisis that we're dealing with or
5 have been for the last 20, 30 years, with energy, that
6 they're planning to continue their manipulation and their
7 polluting our habitat. They meaning these corporations
8 wishing to make great bucks and lots of money and great
9 profits with these new enterprises. In the name, they
10 say, of helping the populous here in the country, which
11 is not, in my opinion, the truth.

12 Water being the most important resource we
13 have on the planet, we don't have enough globally as it is
14 now and we know what's going on with water. People --
15 some people don't have it at all. And this industry, as
16 we know it, my husband used to work with Energy in DC --
17 I know a little bit about what goes on in mining. And
18 it's not healthy at all for those especially near the
19 site of the mine.

20 And we do have a beautiful -- a beautiful
21 park in Madera where we have bird watching, and where we
22 have some fishing and gaming and so forth. And that
23 certainly wouldn't help our tourism, either. So there
24 are lots of things to consider to make this a negative
25 proposition for all, it's not a win/win at all.

1 So again, thank you for giving us this
2 opportunity to speak our piece with what we have been
3 informed by the media and I hope that, like other things,
4 that it doesn't occur. And thank you for all your help.
5 Good afternoon.

6 MESSAGE 193: Hello. I'm very opposed to
7 the Rosemont Copper Mine. It will ruin the scenic and
8 very beautiful Santa Rita Mountains. And it will take
9 lots of water and water is something that's at a premium
10 around here in southern Arizona. I know we should have
11 jobs, but let's find some other kind of jobs, not mining
12 jobs. And let's not deface the Santa Rita Mountains.
13 Thank you.

14 MESSAGE 194: Yeah, I'm not going to leave
15 a long comment. I'm just going to show my support for
16 the mine. I think it's just a real healthy thing for the
17 community. And I know firsthand that the environmental
18 impacts on the mine is probably going to be outstanding,
19 I mean, so there's no real concerns of mine anywheres.
20 Just show my support.

21 MESSAGE 195: (No audio.)

22 MESSAGE 196: As a resident of Sonoita, I'm
23 concerned about the Rosemont Mine proposal. And amongst
24 other things, I'm concerned about the fact that Route 83
25 is a two lane highway with twists and turns and various

1 danger spots. And I foresee that the medical assistance
2 which we have through ambulances in Sonoita will be
3 greatly put in jeopardy as a result of 300 huge trucks
4 going back and forth during the day, you know 150 one way
5 and 150 the other. That road is not built for that, and
6 lifestyle in Sonoita and Elgin and Patagonia is going to
7 be greatly dissipated as a result of all this traffic
8 going back and forth, in addition to the medical
9 service.

10 If you want to go shopping in Tucson, the
11 trip is going to become a two-hour trip each way. And I
12 don't think people are thinking about that. They're
13 thinking about the water. They're thinking about the
14 beauty of the Santa Ritas. And I think property values
15 are going to diminish in Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia,
16 and I'd like to hear somebody address these issues as
17 well as the others. Thank you.

18 MESSAGE 197: Yes, I am very much against
19 that Rosemont Mine. The environment will be affected.
20 The country is going to be made a devastation. That's a
21 tourist route. That's supposed to be scenic, not ugly.
22 There -- our roads are not up to all that excess truck
23 traveling. There's too much travel on these roads out
24 here now. Sahuarita Road will simply fall apart, as it
25 already is. Plus the air pollution, the dust pollution,

1 the noise pollution. I am very much against it. It can
2 be put someplace else or just done away with. These
3 companies can go to their own country or someplace. But
4 I am against that Rosemont Mine deal. Thank you and
5 I guess my name is Zona Burn. You've already got my
6 phone number, so. Talk at you later. Bye.

7 MESSAGE 198: Hello. My name is John Snow.
8 My phone number is 520-888-7354. I am in favor of the
9 Rosemont Mine. Because America does not have enough
10 copper, and we are now paying the Chinese \$20 a pound for
11 copper when we've got seven mines in Arizona that are not
12 even in production. I think that this would be a great
13 boom for Arizona, even though the environmentalists say
14 it's uh, they have quite a few objections to it and most
15 of them are inconsequential. They just don't want it,
16 uh, to be done.

17 I think the Forest Service should keep with
18 the 1876 mining law and not alter it or change it in any
19 way. To do that would be to ruin America's chance to
20 find and extract minerals that we need for our normal
21 life. So I would very much be in favor of you going with
22 the Rosemont Mine. I don't see as anything that they
23 would be doing that would cause any problems in the
24 future. I've been at the site, I've been toured on the
25 site, and I don't see it being a problem. Thank you

1 very much for allowing us to do some comment. Bye-bye.

2 MESSAGE 199: My name is Ms. Martha
3 Burgess. I'm 4709 West Placita de Suerte, 85745 in
4 Tucson. I am deeply concerned about the proposed
5 Rosemont Copper Mine. And I -- on several levels, light
6 pollution, air pollution, water removal. We are in a
7 place that's limited with water desperately. We need all
8 the recharge that we can get for human purposes.

9 This has nothing to do with survival. This
10 has to do with part of being used as a colony and having
11 the money carted away, and the water left, wasted and
12 gone. I'm concerned about the air pollution, the dust of
13 heavy metals and other pollutants that will be raised,
14 the light pollution that will -- the wildlife in that
15 area, the proposed area depends on having darkness at
16 night and silence.

17 I urge you to have an environmental impact
18 study done that's totally thorough and dealing with these
19 questions. I want them answered to me personally and to
20 the population. We as citizens of southern Arizona and
21 Tucson, the whole region would be grossly -- our
22 lifestyle and our well being will be grossly, negatively
23 affected by such a mine. And any economic benefits that
24 they are proposing would be strongly offset by having
25 people employed in a sustainable industry. Let's go

1 sustainable. Thank you very much. 742-7270.

2 MESSAGE 200: This is John Mijack from
3 Tucson, Arizona. I'm a realtor here, a long time
4 resident of the state. And I want you to know that I
5 have spent quite a bit of time in the area that the
6 Rosemont Mine is going to be. It is a beautiful and in
7 many ways pristine area with unique land and in -- unique
8 plants and animals that simply can't be found any place
9 else. It's an area where many people go for recreation
10 and spend time. The biggest concern that I have about
11 this is, though, the water quality. Not just the open
12 pit mine and the tailings which will unalterably destroy
13 the landscape. It will never be fixed. But it's the
14 water that I'm concerned about. In a time when we are
15 running out of water to bring in a mine which will
16 consume far more water than a community of a much larger
17 size, it is short-sighted thinking and it's not
18 appropriate for the territory. I lend my entire strength
19 against this proposed mine. My phone number,
20 520-404-0741. My address, 2759 North Desert Avenue,
21 Tucson, Arizona. Thank you.

22 MESSAGE 201: Yes, my name is Janice Dewey.
23 I'm an Arizona lifetime resident. And I'm calling to
24 oppose, as strongly as I possibly can, the Rosemont
25 Mine. The fact that Cienega Creek would be put in

1 jeopardy and all of the water situation in that area plus
2 pollutants in the air and the absolute ruination of the
3 highway down to Sonoita. I can go on and on. It is
4 nothing but atrocious for the southwest here. And its
5 profits, no matter the short-term good jobs for a few
6 number of people, the profits are going to Canada, Japan
7 and anyone else involved in the foreign investment world
8 of mining. So please accept my opposition. Thank you
9 very much.

10 MESSAGE 202: Yes, we are definitely
11 against this Rosemont Mine project. It's environmentally
12 a disaster. And as far as the jobs it's going to create,
13 I don't think that equals if at all what's right and
14 what's wrong with it. And the money that's coming out of
15 it, the thing is owned by the Canadians and also it's
16 being helped financed by the Japanese. There's no
17 American money in it. It's just the wrong situation. I
18 hate to see it go through. Please don't pass this.

19 MESSAGE 203: Regarding the proposed
20 Rosemont Copper Mine. There are a few considerations
21 that should be weighed carefully. First there's the
22 general history of the mining industry in particular,
23 Arizona and other parts of the west. The history is one
24 of rampant abuse and disregard for protecting the
25 environment. And the failure to reclaim mines that have

1 been essentially completed, used up, or for economic
2 purposes, abandoned. The history is fairly one sided.
3 And it's a sad one at that.

4 And I don't think any consideration should
5 be given to the new mine unless there are real strong
6 safeguards and very large bond, financial bond put in
7 place to ensure that the mine will eventually be
8 reclaimed.

9 I think government also has to weigh the
10 balance of the advantages of extracting the minerals and
11 the minor advantages, in this case, of creating jobs with
12 other concerns, such as the need to supply implements of
13 water in a very dry area that's already lacking water.
14 The congestion that will be created on the nearby
15 highways and to increase traffic of very heavy equipment.
16 And deterioration of recreation that the Santa Ritas
17 currently offer.

18 All things considered, I think that the
19 Forest Service should very carefully weigh this option
20 and not be steam rolled into very short-term perspective
21 of creating jobs and cowering before the mining interest.
22 The day is coming when these kinds of balances will be
23 changed. And I think if the Forest Service spends a
24 little time considering this. There's a very good chance
25 that in the next administration congress there will be a

1 better balance provided as to the use of the west for
2 extraction of minerals. And I think we'll make it much
3 harder for the Rosemont Mine proposal to be approved.

4 Thank you.

5 MESSAGE 204: I think the Rosemont Copper
6 Mine is a great idea. It provides jobs for many workers.
7 It sounds like they are doing it environmentally correct.
8 It sounds like they're going to provide for the water.
9 And of course the greatest thing of all will be that it
10 will provide jobs and a tax base that is much needed by
11 the area. I hope that the officials in the city and the
12 county will support this. Also, I hope that the
13 officials for the Rosemont Copper Mine will fight the
14 environmentalists who don't want anything to happen ever.
15 They have already bought up -- the county is buying up
16 tons of land, I believe that we certainly have enough
17 that we can have the copper mine. I believe it's a great
18 idea. I hope that the mine officials will fight on and
19 on to get this done and get this accomplished. I support
20 it 100 percent. I own property in Tucson. I believe
21 it's a great idea. And I say go for it. Thank you.

22 MESSAGE 205: My name is Charles Earl
23 Krone, K-r-o-n-e. I'm a physician, 71 years old. Have
24 been a resident and practicing in Tucson since 1969. I'm
25 married, between us have five children, four grand

1 children. We all consider Tucson our home, long-term
2 home for children, grand children and beyond. I want to
3 register an extremely strong appeal not to allow this
4 Rosemont Mine to be built. I'm strongly against it, as
5 are so many people in Tucson. I believe that the mine
6 will cause disastrous destruction of the beautiful,
7 natural legacy, create pollution, and deplete the water
8 supply. The changes will be long lasting, and the
9 benefits will be only short lasting at best. Beautiful
10 83 Highway will be destroyed, the life of the people
11 living in the area will be devastated. And for what,
12 short-term profit for some people that will leave the
13 state and the country. For who, some jobs, will be
14 minuscule compared to the impact of the destruction of --
15 of this national and regional natural treasure.

16 The majority of people are against it. It
17 seems that the only people in favor are administration
18 and the Forest Service. But I believe this at a step.
19 Politics are changing. And if this does become approved,
20 the Forest Service will be reviled as a pariah for
21 perpetuity. Our children, our grand children, et cetera,
22 will feel the impact of this forever. And I believe it
23 can be stopped.

24 And I've been informed, I read a very good
25 article in the Arizona Star Sunday July 6, Rosemont Mine

1 may be hard to block, but I believe it can be blocked. I
2 believe the National Forest Service can do something. I
3 believe legally it can be done. And we may have to pay
4 up some money to have their money back or even more so,
5 but it's worth it, it's worth it to the taxpayer to be
6 rid of this abomination. It certainly will be a terrible
7 blight on our community. Thank you.

8 MESSAGE 206: My name is Stacey Fletcher.
9 I'm a Sonoita resident. Lived in Pima County in the
10 1970s and moved to Santa Cruz County in the 1980's. I
11 first viewed the proposed Rosemont Mine in 1974 and
12 thought it one of the most beautiful spots in southern
13 Arizona. I have continued to oppose the proposed mining
14 in the Rosemont land since the 1990's when ASARCO first
15 proposed it.

16 I am a registered nurse who drives by the
17 Rosemont site on my way to work from Sonoita to Tucson
18 four days a week. And just as I know that human beings
19 require clean air, clean water and peaceful surroundings
20 for their optimum health, so do our national forest eco
21 systems need clean air, clean water and peaceful
22 surroundings for the optimum -- for their optimum
23 health.

24 You would not want some stranger from
25 Canada coming into your back yard and digging up your

1 plants, blasting your subsoil, pouring toxic chemicals
2 into your well, dirtying your air with dust and diesel
3 fumes. And those millions of Arizonans and Americans who
4 use the national forest as their backyard for enjoying
5 nature on weekends and days off don't want to have some
6 company from Canada come into their backyard in order to
7 destroy it. They will not be good neighbors. They will
8 steal the family jewels and return to Canada with their
9 millions of dollars after paying nothing for our
10 minerals.

11 I have taken tours of the Pima Mines, the
12 Copper Queen Mines. I've seen evidence that man can
13 easily tear apart mountains in the Morenci Mine area with
14 their mammoth earth moving machinery. But I have yet to
15 see man rebuild a mountain.

16 The 1872 mining law is a dinosaur waiting
17 to go extinct. Until the next congress and
18 administration can accomplish this revision, I implore
19 you to drag your feet on making a go ahead decision in
20 allowing the Rosemont Mine. All environmental
21 protections begin in our backyard. And my backyard is
22 the Santa Rita mountains. I would lay down my life to
23 protect it if that is what it would take. But you have
24 the real power, I envy you this. You --

25 MESSAGE 207: I oppose this destruction of

1 our beautiful Arizona lands. Please do not let this
2 happen. Thank you. Bye.

3 MESSAGE 208: I really don't think we need
4 another copper mine being built in Green Valley,
5 Sahuarita area, or any area. The copper I think will be
6 a bust just like the housing boom was a bust and pretty
7 soon we end up with just a mine that was not really
8 needed. We don't need them drilling on that beautiful
9 mountain. And I just think it's a bad idea all around.
10 Plus you know were going to run out of water anyway, and
11 that will just take more water and we'll run out of water
12 even sooner. So please don't open the Rosemont Mine. I
13 don't think it's needed and it will do more harm than
14 good. Thank you.

15 MESSAGE 209: My name is Dean Rogers from
16 Tucson. Let me say first that I'm not against mining.
17 Mining is an important part of industry. However, I am
18 completely against mining in the Santa Rita Mountains. I
19 cannot even begin to comprehend why the US Forest Service
20 would even consider this type of exploitation of national
21 forest property. The Forest Service creed states: The
22 Forest Service US Department of Agriculture is dedicated
23 to the principle of multiple use management of the
24 national nation's forest resources for sustained yields
25 of woods, water, forage, wildlife and recreation. Mining

1 is not sustainable. It destroy's mountains. It destroys
2 recreational area. Once an open pit mine is allowed to
3 operate, no amount of so-called restoration can ever
4 replace what God has created. Only 10 percent of the US
5 copper reserves has been tapped. So it's not a matter of
6 scarcity. Besides this Canadian company would send most
7 of this copper to China. I urge the US Forest Service to
8 perform their duty and protect what was entrusted to them
9 by the American public for now and future generations.
10 Do not allow a foreign company to exploit national forest
11 property. Thank you. My number is 733-1536.

12 MESSAGE 210: Hi. My name is JC Smith.
13 I'm a Tucson resident. I've been here for the last 12
14 years. First of all, the scoping period should be
15 extended. Mostly due to the fact that the audio files
16 for the second two public hearings have not been
17 uploaded. And anyone who is visually impaired and needs
18 to hear the audio, or even just to hear the audio for the
19 testimony is, it's quite unfair that none of that has
20 been available to the public. And it's only a few days
21 until the final comments are due. I looked on line today
22 on the Forest Service site. It's July 10th, sorry, July
23 9th, 2008. We're only one, two, three four, we're only
24 five days away from the comment period deadline, and
25 there are no audio files uploaded. That's just

1 atrocious.

2 Secondly, there is not enough water in the
3 region where the mine is. That's the main impact. The
4 second concerns are health concerns, just water, health,
5 dust, blasting.

6 I also believe that much of the positive
7 commentary that goes into this impact statement should be
8 considered seeing as there are going to be \$59,000 annual
9 paychecks for a handful of employees possibly up to 500
10 employees. That means a very small percentage of people
11 will profit from the mine while a huge amount of people
12 will be at risk for losing their water and property
13 values, et cetera. So I would suggest that if there's
14 500 positive comments. Those should be possibly deleted.
15 And if not considered to be less valuable due to the fact
16 that there's a lot of money at stake for certain people
17 to be profited on. Again, I'm very disappointed that the
18 audio comments have not been uploaded.

19 Lastly, I believe the impact statement and
20 scoping period should be extended seeing as the third and
21 final meeting was held in the summertime when the
22 majority of Tucson leaves town. There's not a lot of
23 students here right now. There's a lot of people out of
24 town. Seems to be a pretty bad time to hold a public
25 hearing when there's just a huge amount of water and

1 environmental impact going to happen just south of
2 Tucson, so once again --

3 MESSAGE 211: I thank you very much for the
4 opportunity to comment. My name is Major Benton. And
5 I'm very concerned about the project of roads and also
6 write a letter to the Rosemont Copper project for the
7 Coronado national forest, but what I've read and what I
8 can find out and what I can look up on line it just does
9 not seem to me to make sense at all to work with that
10 much water and all the other health hazards that would be
11 involved with such a project, so. And I would just like
12 to add my voice to those who would very much oppose such
13 a project. Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

14 MESSAGE 212: This is Judy Gurlock calling
15 about the Rosemont Mine. I wanted to have it be known
16 that I am adamantly opposed to this copper mine.
17 Primarily because of the possible environmental
18 degradation, the pollution, the humongous water
19 consumption, the waste rocks that will be piled on forest
20 land, et cetera. Thank you. Bye-bye.

21 MESSAGE 213: Augusta and its officers have
22 made a lot of promises about this being a new kind of
23 mine. But they've made bogus promises before.
24 Specifically Ronald Ward, CEO, and Donald Clark, vice
25 president of Augusta. They're both involved in a company

1 called Cyber Com Systems, Inc. It was listed and went
2 bankrupt in 2002. How did that work out for their
3 shareholders? What happens when Rosemont can't keep its
4 financial and environmental promises?

5 Augusta needs to be more forthcoming about
6 the financial background of its lead officers and about
7 the true size and scope of this project, these people
8 have never mined a thing. But they have gone belly up
9 before. Better get more than a handshake and a nod,
10 check out Cyber Com, Inc. This is going to be another
11 boom and bust project that is going to leave our area
12 devastated forever. Thank you.

13 MESSAGE 214: Hello. This is Paul Leata.
14 I live in Rio Rico, but I've hike the Coronado National
15 Forest for many years, Mt. Wrightson area. I drive by
16 the Santa Ritas on the way to Tucson and enjoy the
17 beautiful views.

18 I'm giving a few of my concerns on the
19 proposed Rosemont Mine or mines. And I'm asking, have
20 you considered all the long-term impacts of an open pit
21 mine, the serious, permanent degradation of the national
22 forest for all other uses or viewers of the Santa Ritas
23 mountains? Are the rights of a few, many of Canadian
24 nationality, worth more than the rights of the many
25 thousands of Arizonans who live nearby? Is this balanced

1 use or destruction of the national forest? Can the
2 Augusta mine management really prevent the toxic metals
3 from the mining itself and the heat leaching processing
4 of the ore from contaminating our streams and water
5 table?

6 Mine managers are notorious for over
7 optimistic views of their safeguards. Will all the
8 surrounding communities waters be safe? There are many
9 old mines in the western United States that have been
10 polluting water sheds for the last 100 plus years.

11 Will the mining operations take over
12 Highway 83? It'll probably no longer be a scenic highway
13 if they do. Don't we have enough air pollution in
14 Tucson, in the region? Existing mines by Green Valley
15 are an example of what can happen. Can Rosemont
16 guarantee it won't pollute the air? Will their
17 facilities create more light pollution for the nearby
18 astronomical observatories, Mt. Hopkins, for instance?
19 Mines need lots of flood lights to see at night, see what
20 they're doing. Will there really be enough water for
21 those mining operations?

22 They propose using water from the wells and
23 the local region, which will lower the already
24 dangerously low water tables. Their water usage
25 estimates are suspiciously low compared to other local

1 mining operations. Their CAP water share might not be
2 sufficient for operations and especially not enough to
3 replenish the water tables.

4 Are there monetary assurances, guarantees
5 from the mining company for reclaiming the area after
6 mining ceases? No self guarantees, you know, their word,
7 for instance. There has been a lot -- long history of
8 mining companies going bankrupt and evading their
9 reclamation promises.

10 About 50 percent of all mines that are
11 developed turn out to be non-profitable, which makes this
12 all a likely scenario. A number of Canadian mining
13 companies are guilty of this with previous mining
14 operations on US land. Don't believe all their promises
15 of new and improved methods --

16 MESSAGE 215: Hello. This is regarding the
17 Rosemont Mine, and I think that the mining law of 1872
18 certainly is dictating the actions that the Forest
19 Service has to take, but I think it's only fair that
20 forest mining be done with the tools that were available
21 in 1872, since that's when the law was written.
22 Otherwise, we'll have a giant scar. Maybe we'll get jobs
23 forever, but a million people will have to look at this
24 forever. Please stop Rosemont Mine. Thank you.

25 MESSAGE 216: I think I got the wrong

1 number.

2 MESSAGE 217: (No audio.)

3 MESSAGE 218: This is Lois Rains in Green
4 Valley. My comment is as follows: We cannot supply
5 water to an industry that has this large a requirement
6 for water. We have problems that are now serious to
7 critical regarding the water table under ground in the
8 area of the proposed mine. Animal life and ecosystems
9 will be harmed if the mine is built. The scenic beauty
10 of the area up close and from a distance will be ruined.
11 The roadway to be used, which is Arizona 83 was not built
12 for heavy truck traffic, and will become a dangerous road
13 for ordinary traffic.

14 All these considerations are good and valid
15 reasons not to approve the Rosemont Mine. I have not
16 even mentioned the possible problems with runoff and
17 other waste. Please do not approve of this mine. Thank
18 you very much.

19 MESSAGE 219: My name is Larry Swank, and I
20 live in Green Valley not too far from the existing copper
21 mines. We see what the good neighbors that the copper
22 mines are and the rash of problems that ASARCO is having
23 now. I have no doubt that if Rosemont is successful in
24 putting this mine here and they do run into major
25 environmental and other faults, that they will merely

1 seek bankruptcy such as ASARCO is doing, and leave all of
2 us living in Arizona and the United States holding the
3 bag for whatever mess they may generate.

4 This clearly is nothing but a greed action
5 by a foreign company, and it should not be allowed in our
6 areas, in our state, in our country. Antiquated mining
7 laws that we have now should be updated. They should be
8 brought up to the present standards where it makes more
9 sense. We have to stop major corporations from taking
10 risks like this that jeopardize all of our well beings.
11 I strongly suggest and recommend this, that the powers
12 that be eliminate the need and the scope of this mine
13 coming into Arizona. Thank you.

14 MESSAGE 220: Good morning. My name is
15 Linda George. And I live in Vail, Arizona. I'm calling
16 to leave a message about how much I'm against them
17 opening the Rosemont Mine out here towards Vail. My
18 dad -- I've had experience my whole life. My dad was a
19 mining engineer. We lived in Peru, we lived in Saudi
20 Arabia, Indonesia and Canada. He spent time in
21 Czechoslovakia, Poland and different other places as the
22 head mining injury for the companies.

23 I have never in my entire life -- and I'm
24 59 years old. Have never seen a copper company that
25 would restore the land back to its original or better

1 condition than before the mine came in. I have seen
2 nothing but destruction. And they do not keep their word
3 about anything as far as restoring the land. It is a
4 big, big ecological and environmentally unfriendly thing
5 to do to the land. If anything why don't they reopen the
6 mine in San Manuel. The mine had not played out. They
7 just didn't think it was making any money. They could
8 reopen that one. Everything is already there. Let them
9 go there and it would bring them the mining employees
10 back to San Manuel, Oracle, Mammoth areas.

11 If you'd like to contact me, I live at 520
12 North Silver Drive in Vail, Arizona. My phone number is
13 520-762-0302. And if I -- there's a committee or
14 something I can get involved with to show my displeasure
15 of them thinking about opening the mine, please contact
16 me. Thank you for opening the line so I have a say in
17 the matter. Good-bye.

18 MESSAGE 221: Yeah, hello. I've got a
19 comment about the Rosemont Mine. Let it go. We need it.
20 Thank you.

21 MESSAGE 222: Hello. I am opposed to the
22 Rosemont Mine for five basic reasons. One, I think it is
23 the most short-sighted idea. There's very little
24 pristine land left. Second, I think that it is of very,
25 very deep concern to me related to what it will do to our

1 water table, and the impact on wildlife, homes, the
2 ability to have clean air, and especially to other
3 natural forest and natural wonders in southern Arizona.
4 I have great concerns about the change in the water table
5 with the gross usage of water in the mines, destroying
6 things like Kartchner Caverns, the Cienega Creek, the
7 entire natural balance of the Santa Rita Mountains and
8 all of southeastern Arizona because it will have a
9 cascading effect.

10 We will have dust in the air. We will have
11 light pollution and we will have a disruption of the
12 wildlife. There is no need to put a hole in the Santa
13 Ritas at this moment in time. Because -- lastly, I have
14 great problems with the fact that we are doing all this
15 for a company outside of the United States.

16 I think it's important to have jobs and
17 it's important to have these things happen, but that is
18 not the place nor is it the time. So that's my comment.
19 And I think it's the worse thing the US Forest Service
20 and the federal government could allow. We are losing
21 sight of the natural wonders and natural beauty. And to
22 do that level of destruction for the ability to have 20
23 years or 30 years worth of work and have left a hole in
24 the ground and all the pollution and all the destruction
25 is appalling to me. Thank you for my opportunity to

1 articulate my concerns. And have a great day and, uh,
2 thank you for considering this, bye.

3 MESSAGE 223: Thank you for listening. I
4 am very concerned about the idea of putting the Rosemont
5 Mine in the Santa Ritas. I think it's the worse thing we
6 could do. The fact that the Forest Service I have always
7 thought was supposed to be protected land. And it is
8 being stolen in the name of greed. I do not think the
9 value of putting in a copper mine in a pristine natural
10 environment is the most practical decision to be made. I
11 think that this is a very poor decision to even take it
12 under advisement. I think the laws need to be changed.
13 I think there needs to be a moratorium on mining in any
14 of the Forest Service areas. I think we need to also
15 have the law changed that there needs to be a better
16 process.

17 I do not think that Tucson, Arizona has the
18 ability to support the water that's needed for that site.
19 We are dependent on water from the Colorado. We are
20 asking the people in the Tucson Valley to use water that
21 has already been processed and then is drained into our
22 ground water. And now we're going to use precious water
23 to use the mine. I think the impact on the well being of
24 the Tucson valley, the Santa Rita valley, the Rincon
25 valley and the Cienega Creek area, the amount of

1 devastation that we can never recover from such an
2 invasion into our natural resources is profound. This
3 needs not to go forward. This is a short-sighted, um --
4 it's a short-sighted use of land. And we cannot in our
5 lifetimes, our grand children's lifetimes, or even our
6 great grandchildren's lifetimes, that hole in that
7 mountain range will not change.

8 The amount of light pollution and air
9 pollution, waste of water for a foreign country to make a
10 profit is wrong. And that's the only way I know how to
11 say it. My name is Fran Bartholomew. I think we are
12 making a terrible mistake considering the open pit mine
13 in the Santa Ritas. I think there's plenty of other
14 places not on US Forest Service land where mining could
15 occur. And I think that it is so hard to find open
16 space --

17 MESSAGE 224: This is Patty Birks. I'm a
18 homeowner here in northeast Tucson. My address is 3745
19 North Pellegrino Drive, that's P-e-l-l-e-g-r-i-n-o Drive,
20 Tucson, Arizona, 85749. You all have my phone number.
21 My e-mail is pbirks1121@earthlink.net. I just wanted to
22 let you all know that I am very much against this mine.
23 It is just a disaster for southeast Arizona. We do not
24 have enough water to mine the copper.

25 Now, if the federal government wanted to

1 reimburse the over one million people that live in
2 southeastern Arizona for the water they're taking away
3 from us or help us to move or something, that would be a
4 different matter, but we simply do not have enough water
5 to mine this copper right now.

6 So, um -- we cannot restore that land once
7 we dig an open pit mine a mile deep, and we just do not
8 have the water, so I would be -- please keep in mind that
9 our -- our, we're talking about building a water
10 recycling plant for Tucson that would cost 400 million
11 dollars in order to ensure drinking water in the future
12 for people in Tucson while the Rosemont Mine would be
13 pumping millions of gallons of water a day out of the
14 ground water. And I do think that the Federal government
15 must keep in mind the requirements for water for the
16 people that live down here. Thank you so much for your
17 time. Bye.

18 MESSAGE 225: Hello. My name is Dr. Tom
19 Purdon, P-u-r-d-o-n. I have lived in Green Valley for
20 six and a half years. And before that, I lived in
21 Tucson. I am very concerned about the Rosemont Augusta
22 open pit copper mine. Particularly the use of our
23 potable ground water from our aquifer. It makes
24 absolutely no sense to allow a copper mine to wash rocks
25 with the precious water that sustains life for thousands

1 of people in this area.

2 What happens, for example, if they overdraw
3 our drinking water. Wells will go dry and subsidence of
4 the ground would set in. This could result in a
5 devastating affect on the foundations cracking of homes
6 and turning our entire area into a vast wasteland. They
7 say they'll provide CAP water, but there's no guarantee
8 that CAP water will be made available. There is a
9 shortage of CAP water.

10 I cite the National Geographic February
11 2008 journal, for example, the article on the flaming
12 gorge Colorado/Arizona River Project. Arizona is way
13 down the list for any future water. And the drought
14 cycle we're in, it's likely to lead to no water at all in
15 terms of thinking there will be extra water. So this is
16 pie in the sky.

17 They also talk about providing a stimulus
18 to our economy. The Sonoran Institute study shows that
19 as little as one percent of our valued eco tourism
20 industry were destroyed because of the Rosemont Copper
21 placement in our US forest it would -- their jobs that
22 they would provide would not begin to make up for the
23 loss of eco tourism. It's just a ridiculous notion to
24 think that this should be allowed to go through.

25 If you gave this question to a group of

1 average 12th graders around the country and said does it
2 make any sense to take ground water that people need to
3 sustain life, pump it up into a forest to wash rocks
4 which are going to be sent to another country and, oh, by
5 the way, leave a devastating scar in a US national forest
6 that could devastate the tourist industry because of its
7 dramatic affect on the ecological system, would this be
8 something you would vote for? I think most sensible
9 people would say no.

10 I urge the Forest Service in their scoping
11 process to have the courage to say no, this should not be
12 allowed to happen. This is not 1872. This is 2008. We
13 have plenty of copper mines in Arizona. Just look at the
14 affects of the copper mines west of I-19 in Green Valley,
15 for example, to look at the --

16 MESSAGE 226: Hi, my name is John Michael
17 Miklochik, and I'm a Vail resident. And I would like to
18 comment on the proposed Rosemont Mine. First issue
19 I have is the matter of water. There's strong evidence
20 to indicate looking at tree ring patterns that we are in
21 a 40 year drought. If this is the case and we go ahead
22 and start using the vast quantities of water that
23 Rosemont Mine will need, we put the entire Tucson
24 community in jeopardy, and we could go the way of the
25 Anasazi. And I believe that it's a totally irresponsible

1 use of water. And it could be very devastating to people
2 who have sunk their life savings into properties around
3 this mine, their wealth could dry up.

4 Another issue, the road. That road is a
5 scenic highway, very narrow, very beautiful, and very
6 fragile. At a minimum, it will have to be widened and
7 the maintenance of that road is going to cost millions
8 and millions of dollars. And that will be a taxpayer
9 burden, which is absolutely irresponsible to the leaders
10 of our community to allow it to happen, the Forest
11 Service included.

12 Also, it is a scenic highway. Once that
13 beauty is gone, once that eye sore is created, once that
14 devastation occurs to that very fragile ecosystem, it's
15 never coming back. Tourism is the bread and butter of
16 southern Arizona. Once we destroy it, we kill a
17 renewable resource that will last much longer than the 20
18 years of potential mine income.

19 Folks, I'm a coal miner's grandson, and
20 I believe in mining. But this mine is the wrong time and
21 the wrong place. It needs to be stopped at all costs.
22 There is serious risk to our community. Thank you for
23 listening to my comments. Again, my name is John Michael
24 Miklochik, M-i-k-l-o-c-h-i-k.

25 MESSAGE 227: I am absolutely in favor of

1 the Rosemont Copper Mine project proceeding. I wish that
2 it will be done legally with none of the interference
3 from Pima County or the wingers who are screaming about
4 placing their little houses all over and getting their
5 views disturbed. It is time that these people realized,
6 that for a society to survive they must produce
7 something. And when a company follows the law, that just
8 because someone doesn't like the way the law acts,
9 doesn't mean that they have the right to contravene it.
10 The company if following the law, they have every right
11 to exploit the deposit and we as a people, as a society
12 need production, much more so than the hot air and Nimby
13 attitudes of the people opposing it.

14 MESSAGE 228: My name is Linda Ritter, and
15 I live in Vail. And I have great concerns about the
16 proposed mine. I'm worried about the economic impact,
17 the safety impact, as well as the environmental impact of
18 the mine. And I feel that the mine needs to be studied
19 in more detail.

20 And I'm wondering what is going to happen
21 with the tourist dollar that is spent. The 14 million
22 that's been spent to create the natural preserve. I'm
23 wondering what's going to happen with that. The county's
24 interest in ensuring any mine operations, they need to
25 make sure that it meets county codes. The air pollution,

1 light pollution, flood control. I don't think this has
2 been studied enough.

3 And I also feel that the environmental
4 impact study process has been too heavily in favor of the
5 mine. I really do feel that more studies need to happen.
6 I feel that the transportation aspects -- State Route 83
7 is a state route. And taxpayer dollars are supporting
8 State Route 83. If you have mine trucks on that road,
9 millions will be needed to maintain it. Has the
10 environment, has the economic impact been studied yet for
11 that impact.

12 So I think safety is a huge issue. I think
13 that State Route 83 is a very small two-lane highway and
14 there's safety issues involved. I've heard nothing about
15 that, and I don't think it's been studied. And again,
16 I think that the mine has not been studied enough, and I
17 would like to see that happen. Thank you.

18 MESSAGE 229: Yes, my name is Walter,
19 Yosin, Y-o-s-i-n. I live at 13363 East Copper Chief
20 Trail in Vail, Arizona, which is just to the north of the
21 proposed Rosemont Mine, just directly on the other side
22 of the mountain. This is bad for our community, we don't
23 have the water. We're off of a well right now, and this
24 could impact our wells, water as well as pollution to the
25 area. This is -- to the scenic Santa Ritas. This is

1 just not -- not good business for us. We could make a
2 lot more money off of tourism, than we could ever do with
3 this Rosemont Mine.

4 It's is just a polluter. It's going to
5 pollute the ground. It's going to pollute the air. It's
6 just not a good thing for Arizona or for the state. We
7 could do a lot better with that land than tear it up,
8 leave a big hole for everybody, and then a clean up that
9 we'll probably have to do, the taxpayers will have to
10 clean that mess up once they've taken the ore out of the
11 ground.

12 Also, that property or that money will go
13 out of the country, it won't be here. It will only
14 sustain a few jobs for southern Arizona. It's just not a
15 good thing for us. Thank you.

16 MESSAGE 230: I live in Green Valley, and
17 I'm quite concerned about the possibility of this mine
18 doing damage to Green Valley and to the environment
19 nearby. Our water supply here is going to be used for
20 that mine. They're going to draw water from our wells to
21 use the mine up there. And that's going to really dry up
22 our water down here. We'll have places that will be
23 subsiding, sinking and cracking. In addition to that,
24 after the water is used up there, it goes back into the
25 ground somehow, and we get water that's not fit to drink

1 back into our aquifer.

2 So I'm quite concerned about that. I am
3 also concerned about what they're going to do then to the
4 environment. We have a beautiful mountain range up there
5 and they're going to destroy that thing with their mine.
6 The mines to the west of us are bad enough. And now
7 we're going to put one on the other side of us. I
8 strongly object. Please, please do not let them make a
9 mine up there. Thank you.

10 MESSAGE 231: Hi. I live in beautiful
11 Green Valley, and I can see no earthly use for ringing us
12 with mines. We have enough mines down here. Give
13 another state their chance to have them. This is
14 absolutely absurd to destroy our mountains in the way you
15 have been doing it. And the meeting is at Rincon High?
16 Why would that be? Thank you.

17 MESSAGE 232: Yes, as a native of Arizona
18 born in this state I do not believe that we need a mine
19 in southern Arizona, which happens to be our back yard
20 for recreation and scenic beauty. Right now the
21 destruction of not only our individual cities and the
22 State of Arizona are receiving a backlash by nature
23 itself in the form of the massive fires we're having in
24 the country, massive flooding, massive tornados and
25 massive earthquakes around the world.

1 Nature is screaming for humanity to stop
2 the destruction of the world. The polar caps are
3 receding, along with the third polar cap, which is the
4 Hymalayas, and basically humanity is destroying this
5 world, by our own greed and for the sake of so called
6 development and progress. Man has got to reverse the
7 trend for the welfare of future generations.

8 This can no longer continue, whether it be
9 a Rosemont Mine, super highways and just total
10 degradation of our environment and wildlife.

11 God is watching over this and I am sure
12 that as keepers of the world and the earth that he is
13 totally displeased by what has taken place to all the
14 animals of the earth and those that have no voice on
15 behalf of not having the resources or monetary means to
16 protest what's taken place.

17 But I, Richard Cruz, as an individual,
18 strongly, strongly oppose and protest the Rosemont Mine
19 and further destruction in the State of Arizona for the
20 sake of our posterity. Thank you again.

21 MESSAGE 233: (No audio.)

22 MESSAGE 234: Hello. This is Dan, and I am
23 totally disabled. I worked at one of the mines out on
24 the south end of town for 15 years. I worked in the
25 chemical department and as a foreman. I got fired

1 because I was raising some heck -- so much heck over the
2 pollution and stuff for the men that worked out here. I
3 know of thousands of gallons of cyanide that has been
4 leaked in the -- down through the tailings dams. They
5 buried it. And the asbestos was very heavy. At nights
6 we would turn off the air cleaners for the pollution and
7 you couldn't even see Tucson with it, it would be so
8 thick, the pollution and so forth.

9 It's -- I think many people have been sick
10 and even worse from working out there. And I just wanted
11 to mention it to the people that are going in for that.
12 I would hate to live anywhere near there and I'd hate to
13 live out in Green Valley now because of the pollution out
14 there, whether they know they're getting it or not. I
15 guess you got my phone number and so forth, so I guess
16 that's it. Thank you.

17 MESSAGE 235: Good day. My name is Vanessa
18 Malvechini, and I have been to the Santa Rita Mountains,
19 I'm from South Africa. And I've been to the Santa Rita
20 mountains in the last years and I've always enjoyed it.
21 I got to understand about the mining project and the
22 impact that it could have on the environment and on the
23 animal wildlife living on the side, and I feel very sorry
24 for that, and that's why I'm calling and hope that really
25 this mine is not going to have such a big impact on the

1 environment. Thank you very much. Bye-bye.

2 MESSAGE 239: Hi. I'm calling just to give
3 my comment. I hope that they do not approve a mine.
4 This is a beautiful, undisturbed area. I'm concerned
5 about the water issue with runoff, plus increased
6 traffic, ruining the environment. I'm very much against
7 it and I hope we do find a way to turn this down, and if
8 necessary change the law that requi -- that allows, that
9 allows them to come in and do this. Thank you very much.

10 MESSAGE 240: Yes. Thank you for the
11 opportunity to speak. My number one concern about the
12 mine, the proposed mine is the use of the ground water
13 out of the Santa Cruz aquifer, which is diminishing
14 annually without the mine here. We just can't afford to
15 deplete this aquifer at a faster rate than it already is.
16 In fact, we need to find a way to replenish the aquifer,
17 but not with that CAP water which is an unreliable source
18 in the future.

19 In addition, the -- it is quite obvious
20 that the Forest Service is not taking into consideration
21 the wishes of the citizens. I heard recently that the
22 people of Vail are being totally ignored and the people
23 who fear for the safety of children riding school buses
24 on the highway, on the east side of the Santa Rita
25 Mountains are likewise being ignored. And the citizens

1 of Green Valley clearly do not want another scar to look
2 at. The Santa Ritas are the last pristine mountain range
3 with one exception, and I want to see it kept that way.
4 Thank you.

5 MESSAGE 241: Yes, I'm calling in
6 opposition to the Rosemont Mine on the basis of
7 environmental reasons, economical -- economic reasons as
8 well. But the scope, I believe, of the EIS is more the
9 environment. My concern is the same concern expressed by
10 thousands of people here in the Santa Cruz Valley, and
11 that is water and the nuisance of air pollution, noise
12 pollution and light pollution.

13 Let's particularly focus on water. Why
14 should we allow a mine to take our valuable and pure
15 quality groundwater to use for mining with the proposal
16 to substitute Colorado River water which is of a lesser
17 quality. I don't believe that is in the environmental
18 interest of any of us here in the Santa Cruz Valley. And
19 I hope that you give that thought some real study and
20 ultimately agree with many of us here that for these
21 environmental reasons this mine should not go forward.
22 Thank you.

23 MESSAGE 242: Hello. My name is Regina
24 Medley. And I have two tourist oriented businesses in
25 Patagonia. I have guest cottages and I have a gallery.

1 And I have been in business here for 26 years. And I am
2 opposed to the mining operation beginning again in this
3 area and would like that to be made public record. Once
4 again, my name is Regina Medley, and I have Mesquite
5 Grove Gallery and Cross Creek Cottages. Thank you.

6 MESSAGE 243: Hello. My name is Sandra
7 Whitehouse. I'm the president of the Santa Rita
8 Foothills Community Association here in Corona de Tucson.
9 Corona De Tucson is located about six miles from the
10 proposed Rosemont Mine and the people of this area are
11 very, very concerned about this invasion into our area.
12 And we're particularly concerned about the fact that the
13 Forest Service has not seen fit to hold a hearing, a
14 meeting in our area, since we are the people most
15 directly affected by this proposed venture.

16 We have two schools here, we have Sycamore
17 Elementary school, we have Corona Foot Hills, we have a
18 gymnasium, we have places at the fairgrounds that can be
19 used. We use those for our Vail Pride Day meetings. We
20 could use the Empire High School, Cienega High School
21 meeting areas. And the fact that the Forest Service
22 chose not to have a meeting where members of this area
23 could attend is very unsettling and unnerving because our
24 water is going to be affected, our quality and quantity
25 of water is going to be affected. Our fire department is

1 going to be affected because they're going to be the
2 closest emergency responders to Arizona 83 where the
3 copper ore will be transported and explosives and the
4 toxic waste will be transported.

5 And so we feel that we were not given just
6 opportunity to comment and express our concerns. My name
7 is Sandra Whitehouse. And I think you have my phone
8 number, it's 762-5555. Thank you.

9 MESSAGE 244: Hello. My name is Peggy
10 Williams. I am a 40 year resident of Tucson, and my
11 husband is a 56 year native Tucsonan. During the '70s
12 and early '80s we were both employed at the Anaconda
13 ANAMAX mine near Green Valley. We understand the need
14 for good paying jobs in the area, but no firsthand the
15 environmental impact mining has on our ecosystem.

16 The Sonoran desert is the most beautiful
17 desert in the entire world and has the most diverse plant
18 and animal species in the United States. The plant life
19 in the Sonora Desert and the Sky Islands are the only
20 saving grace for combating the rising carbon dioxide
21 levels in our atmosphere. Couple that with the fact that
22 we have been in a decade long drought with intermittent
23 years of average rainfall and scientific data suggesting
24 a very real possibility that this trend could continue
25 for decades to come, and the fact the mine could have a

1 detrimental impact on the aquifer under the city leads me
2 to believe the negative impacts of the Rosemont Copper
3 Mine far outweigh the benefits of producing 500 jobs.

4 Our major economy booster in southern
5 Arizona is tourism. People come here for our sunshine,
6 clear skies, beautiful mountain scapes and abundance of
7 hiking trails in the gorgeous and breathtaking area of
8 our country. And it is imperative we keep these
9 mountains and the foothills surrounding them pristine in
10 nature and our water clean and keep America's natural
11 resources for Americans and not for -- excuse me,
12 development for other nations. Thank you for listening
13 to my comment, I appreciate it very much. My phone
14 number is 882-8960 if you need to contact me about
15 anything. Thank you.

16 MESSAGE 245: Yes, this comment is about
17 the Rosemont Mine. It's a very bad situation. The
18 citizens do not want it, the taxpayers pay -- the good
19 USA taxpayers pay for that property. We do not want a
20 Canadian company to come down here and mine copper. If
21 they want to mine copper, they can get the government,
22 Canadian government and buy property up there and mine
23 copper up there. It will pollute the air, the water, it
24 will be a nightmare on Highway 83. It's a bad situation.
25 The people do not want it. And the Forest Service should

1 know that. They should say no, absolutely no. Thank
2 you.

3 MESSAGE 246: I'm calling to express my
4 concerns regarding solicitation of public comment about
5 the proposed Rosemont Mine. I live in Corona De Tucson
6 and feel that we have been denied the opportunity to
7 attend an open forum in an area that has the greatest
8 number of potentially affected people. The Vail Corona
9 mountain view areas are among the most heavily impacted
10 by the proposed mining activity. Not making arrangements
11 to conduct an open forum in an area occupied by tens of
12 thousands of potentially affected people, seems
13 deliberate and calculated to minimize input and the
14 possibility of unwanted publicity.

15 The fact that the US Forest Service makes
16 no apologies for such a flagrant oversight leads to
17 speculation that the US Forest Service is not interested
18 in getting the greatest possible input from the
19 NEPA process. If it's possible to regulate the amount of
20 input received one has to wonder to what degree the EIS
21 will be compromised. In my opinion, integrity and
22 reputation of the US Forest Service has been damaged by
23 handling of the NEPA process for the Rosemont Mine. The
24 poor communications and weak explanations have done
25 nothing to convince me that they have handled this

1 process with the appropriate level of importance or given
2 the taxpayers the appropriate level of respect. Thank
3 you for your time.

4 MESSAGE 247: Hello. My name is Eileen
5 Regan. And I'm calling as a resident and mother to
6 express my opposition to the use of public land for the
7 proposed Rosemont Mine project. I am concerned about the
8 impact on the regional water supplies and the degradation
9 of environmental quality as well as harm to our desert
10 eco systems. I do not feel that the international
11 interest represented by this project offsets our local
12 concerns. And I would urge you, our public servants to
13 act as stewards, not temps. Thank you so very much for
14 hearing my concerns.

15 MESSAGE 248: Hi. My name is Marge Rotner,
16 and I live in Vail, Arizona, and I just wanted to go on
17 record as saying I'm against opening the mine up for this
18 area. I just came back from a trip to Pagosa Springs,
19 Colorado, and they had a lot of information about mining
20 being open there by a Canadian company that caused all
21 kinds of environment problems and then just left. So the
22 people there are now cleaning up the mess and spending
23 quite a bit of money to do it. And I don't think that's
24 a good idea for here. It's so pretty here and I don't
25 think we should mess with the water and mother nature.

1 Thank you.

2 MESSAGE 249: This is Haly Caswell calling.
3 If the Rosemont Mine is allowed. The United States loses
4 a mountain, a cherished part of Arizona and upsets all
5 living creatures and the ecology of the entire area. Is
6 the Forest Service not a part of and working for this
7 state. It seems it wants to have it destroyed. If
8 allowed, Canada and Japan will be very satisfied. Thank
9 you.

10 MESSAGE 250: I support all the mining
11 operations. The miners are good conservationists. I
12 support the proposed project for using of the lands for
13 mining, forestry, any kind of recreation. Lands should
14 not be locked up to prevent people from using them as is
15 happening now. I support the miners. Thank you.

16 MESSAGE 251: This is John Patrick Mijak, I
17 would like to speak out against the Rosemont Mine. I'm a
18 long time resident of southern Arizona and an avid hunter
19 and hiker, and I'm also a realtor. I certainly am aware
20 of the value that a mine could bring to the community,
21 but I am also aware that this particular region is
22 pristine and beautiful and is a place that is used by the
23 community at large and myself in particular for
24 recreation.

25 I am also deeply concerned about the use of

1 water in our community, and I think that the use of water
2 by Rosemont Mine will be prohibitive and may -- and the
3 discharge from that mine could also be a problem. So I
4 would like to speak out against this mine and urge --
5 urge deep consideration by the Forest Service to prohibit
6 the mine from these activities. Thank you very much.
7 Phone number you already have. My address is 2756 North
8 Desert Avenue, Tucson, Arizona. Thank you.

9 MESSAGE 252: Good afternoon. My name is
10 Carol Webb, I am the mother-in-law of Elizabeth Webb and
11 my son is James. They live out in the Rosemont proposed
12 area. And I wholeheartedly agree with my family in that
13 beginning to mine in that area will cause so many
14 difficulties for the residents there not to mention what's
15 going to happen to our beautiful desert and our
16 landscape, and I think that people should be aware of the
17 ecology and what is happening around us and not to
18 destroy what God has given us. I appreciate you
19 listening to my comment and hope that it will count as
20 something in this issue. Thank you again. Bye.

21 MESSAGE 253: This is Art Greenguard from
22 Upholstery Unlimited in Tucson, Arizona calling to tell
23 you that I am very much in favor of the Rosemont project.
24 I think it will be an excellent project for our economy
25 and it will provide a considerable added employment in

1 that area. And I would be very happy to see it go as
2 quickly as possible. Thank you.

3 MESSAGE 254: Hello, my name is Tom Poley,
4 P-o-l-e-y, from Tucson, Arizona. It is Monday, July
5 14th, and I'm calling with personal comments to oppose
6 giving any mining permission for the Rosemont Mine. My
7 main concerns are water usage and the depletion of the
8 areas water resources. Please make note I am also a
9 property owner in Santa Cruz County and myself and
10 I think other members of that whole community would be
11 adversely affected by the great water consumption from
12 the mine.

13 I'm also concerned about the light
14 pollution. It would also adversely affect some very
15 important industries here in southern Arizona, the
16 astronomical industries and we and the universities that
17 work with them were able to provide very important
18 information through the astronomic sites, and this would
19 be a great deterrent to them.

20 And also the infrastructure is not
21 available now to handle all of the traffic and heavy
22 loads that would go through that area. Take great public
23 funding to make those transportation routes available.
24 And I don't think that's right.

25 And lastly, I think the use of public land

1 for the monetary gain of a foreign business is not right.
2 I don't think that a Canadian company should profit off
3 of public lands that belong to the US citizens. So
4 please record those comments, again, Tom Poley, Tucson,
5 Arizona, that I oppose any approval to give the mining
6 company an opportunity to mine at the Rosemont plant.
7 Thank you very much.

8 MESSAGE 255: This is Clorine Hanna, and
9 I'm calling in regards to this project that I think is
10 one of the most outrageous things I've ever heard of.
11 Water is premium in the desert. And we know about the
12 facts of long ago. Santa Cruz use to be a running river
13 that people fished out of, grandparents, they actually
14 fished out of it. And all because of the mines now you
15 know what it is, it's nothing, but just when the floods
16 come.

17 So I would like to protest that these mines
18 are not -- should not take a precedence over water, it's
19 very needed. It's more needed to live than food. And
20 I don't understand why the environmental association does
21 not get more involved. They'll do it about animal rights
22 and all this kind of things, but how about human rights.
23 Water is especially short supply, if the mines start
24 using it and it will affect my family as well as many,
25 many, many, many more. And I hate to see it go through.

1 Jobs can be found. Not over -- it should not take
2 precedence over the water supply, and it will be. I just
3 wanted to comment. I thank you for listening.

4 MESSAGE 256: I'm opposed to the Rosemont
5 Mine project, because the history of the west is a
6 repeated story of profiteers mining the earth until they
7 become bankrupt, and than leaving behind, you know, the
8 environmental mess that never gets cleaned up, you know,
9 like in Arizona, Bisbee, Jerome, Ajo, to name just a few.

10 But if the Forest Service allows this
11 mining concern to go through and, you know, all the
12 issues, water, electricity, remediation of the site, you
13 know, that are hotly debated right now, they need to just
14 be backed up with cash assets, that's how I think the
15 solution is.

16 If the mining company puts in cash
17 accounts, you know, for the cost of future clean up at
18 future values, if they have these accounts grow with
19 percentages of mine profits so there is money involved
20 that backs up the grandiose plans, than I think they're
21 worthy of the project. If not, we need another mining
22 company to do it that can in the future. So that's my
23 comment.

24 So yeah, they need to have an up front
25 cost, you know, deposited, along with profit

1 contributions sufficient enough to allow this remediation
2 to be met and then the water users to be compensated or
3 their wells deepened. All those issues, you know, money
4 talks. So Forest Service, don't let us down. We're
5 counting on you to protect us. My name is Neal Harry.
6 And I'm calling from my office phone at Long Realty at
7 6875 North Oracle Road, Suite 125, Tucson, Arizona.
8 Thank you for the time.

9 MESSAGE 257: Hello. My name is Donald
10 Scruggs. I live at 6860 East Camino Paso Dobles. I am
11 calling about the concern of the water level with the
12 Rosemont Mine. We're currently nine of us sharing a well
13 and I've been trying to get the well number, but I'm
14 having trouble, so I couldn't go through a different
15 route to give you the well number. Anyway, I'm concerned
16 that water level may drop our water table down below 420
17 feet, which is where our pump is. And if that happens,
18 of course, the community around here will be out of
19 water. So thank you for your time. Again, my name is
20 Donald Scruggs, 6860 East Camino Paso Dobles, and my
21 phone number is 762-8615. My concern is pumping water
22 out of the ground and lowering the water table so we
23 don't have any water here. Thank you. Bye.

24 MESSAGE 258: Thank you. My name is Gary
25 Laprese. My cell number is 419-2106, area 520. I'm not

1 calling on that number. I am against the development of
2 the Rosemont Mine, and that's all I have to say. I won't
3 take up a lot of your time, just put me down as against.
4 Thank you.

5 MESSAGE 259: This comment is regarding the
6 proposed Rosemont Mine. We live in Green Valley and I am
7 100 percent against this project. It will change the
8 face of the Santa Rita mountains forever. It cannot be
9 replaced. The wildlife and the habitat, the flora and
10 the fauna that are going to be affected cannot ever be
11 replaced. I think that this is a very selfish move. And
12 I can't believe that the city, state, local federal
13 government would even allow this to happen. It's another
14 case where the United States is blind towards the needs
15 of the land and the people and they're out for supporting
16 corporations that are looking for cash.

17 I am against this. I hope that every
18 single sane citizen will stand up and voice their opinion
19 that this is a travesty, that it is something that should
20 not be happening. That is my comment. Thank you. Good-
21 bye.

22 MESSAGE 260: Yes, my name is Peter
23 Hutchinson. I'm a realtor with Long Realty here in
24 Tucson. And I was calling to say that I am against the
25 Rosemont Mine. And the reason for this is quite simple.

1 We need the water to drink. That's it. Thank you. Have
2 a great day.

3 MESSAGE 261: I'm calling to say thank you
4 for this call line. I went to several public meetings
5 and because of the rudeness of the people opposing the
6 mine I could not even speak. The intimidation was
7 terrible. The heckling that was done to each person who
8 did speak in favor of the mine was outrageous. I am
9 shocked and dismayed by our community. And one way or
10 another those public meetings were not reflective of our
11 community. Thank you. Bye-bye.

12 MESSAGE 262: Hi. I want to comment on the
13 Rosemont Copper mine. I'm calling from the Tree of Life
14 Rejuvenation Center. We're a business in Patagonia. And
15 I disagree with the decision to build this mine here
16 significantly in effect our business and the nature in
17 the area, this scenic road that comes into our area. We
18 have a lot of guests coming here, and it's already
19 challenging them for them to come from Tucson to the
20 (unintelligible). My name is Philip Malef, Tree of Life
21 Rejuvenation Center, 866-394-2520. Thanks a lot. Good
22 bye.

23 MESSAGE 263: Yes. First of all I'd like
24 to say thank you for allowing this to be as part of a
25 forum. As a Patagonia resident, I'm very concerned about

1 the copper mine concerning our water, our air quality and
2 the impact on the business of tourism, most definitely,
3 most of all the environment. This is a pristine,
4 pristine place. I'm a recent resident here. My name is
5 James Linton, and I'm 305 Smelter, Patagonia. And very
6 much interested in not seeing that the copper mine be
7 implemented here. The environmental impact alone is
8 something that's detrimental, especially for our health.
9 So I thank you for your time and I hope my comments are
10 considered for this. Thank you.

11 MESSAGE 264: I was just going to make my
12 comments on the proposed Rosemont Mine. And the first
13 thing I guess I would want to say is that I'm appalled
14 that the National Forest Service would consider selling
15 off the resources and considering the copper resource
16 more important than the resources of the communities
17 surrounding that area and the people who live in them and
18 their families. That is the greatest possible resource.
19 And that's who you will be selling out by granting
20 permission for these big mining companies to come in and
21 exploit our beautiful area. So I hope that you'll take
22 that consideration and refuse the permit to the Rosemont
23 Mine. Thank you.

24 MESSAGE 265: Hello. My name is Andrea
25 King. I am opposed to the Rosemont Mine for several

1 reasons. One is water. I think that we have a limited
2 source and the fact that they're going to take ground
3 water is extremely disturbing, if any water at that. And
4 the second is economic. They say they're going to
5 provide jobs, but in reality it's a country that's not
6 our country coming in and taking our resources that will
7 probably be shipped out of this country and made into
8 something else, so the money doesn't stay here. It will
9 provide a few amount of jobs for people who probably
10 won't be taken care of as well as the regulated company.

11 And I'm also just really angry at the
12 Forest Service for taking land that we, the taxpayers and
13 people of this country, have entrusted them to watch
14 over, and they are selling it off basically to other
15 countries and other companies. I think that that's not
16 the use of the Forest Service and I will be trying to get
17 ahold of people in congress to take maybe some control
18 out of their hands for that.

19 And the third is just environmental. Mines
20 don't produce healthy nuggets of joy. They definitely
21 produce chemicals and compounds that you don't even know
22 the impact of yet and other than stories of people who
23 are affected in very real ways by toxic chemicals and
24 water and dust that come from the tailings.

25 And of course, it's just ugly. It's an

1 open pit mine. We can do better than that in Arizona.
2 We have more resources like the sun and wind and a lot of
3 smart people living here, we could come up with better
4 jobs and better ways to use the space that we occupy.
5 Thank you for listening to my comments. Bye.

6 MESSAGE 266: Hello. My name is Adam
7 Graham. I've been in Patagonia since September of 2007.
8 Uh, wonderful community. I really appreciate the
9 opportunity to be able to leave a comment and, um, be
10 able to contribute to the decision, or at least give
11 feedback in regard to the proposed copper mine. Um, from
12 personal experience from my, uh, experience here in the
13 community, I feel that the copper mine would be a
14 drastic, a drastic, uh -- would mean some drastic changes
15 and affect the community and the State of Arizona in a
16 negative way.

17 I am against the copper mine. I feel that,
18 um, that, um, it would impact the environment in a
19 negative way. Just actually affecting, you know,
20 everything in the grand scheme. From the information
21 I've read and the research that's been done and
22 discussing with the community, I see there -- I find
23 there's very few people -- actually, I haven't found
24 anyone in favor of the copper mine. If this goes forward
25 it would be, literally it would be a crime against the

1 community here and the state in general and a crime
2 against democracy in general.

3 So I appreciate the opportunity to share.
4 Please, uh, take this into consideration. And hopefully
5 the decision will be made for the best, for all the
6 community, for the environment, uh, for the State of
7 Arizona, for the world in general. Thank you.

8 MESSAGE 267: Hi. My name is Kate Tibion.
9 I'm a Patagonia resident. I am a designer of sustainable
10 systems and I am calling in to record my opposition to
11 the mine for a multitude of reasons, which I'm sure
12 you've heard over and over, but I will reiterate my part.
13 And that is the destruction of the fragile ecosystem, the
14 pollution for relatively short-lived project. 19 years
15 is not a long time, but a tremendous amount of damage can
16 occur within that window. And the affect of light, sound
17 and just the disruption on that level of a -- an
18 ecosystem is extraordinary. The ongoing transport of ore
19 along a scenic highway that is winding and narrow is
20 bound to change what is now a scenic highway and highly
21 regarded as a treasure in this community as well as our
22 ecologically sensitive inhabitants who really care about
23 this place. And as someone who's been involved in
24 remediation of landscape, a 10,000 per acre in today's
25 acres for a 20 year hence project cleanup is a pitiful

1 number to be assigned to this. I could go on, but I will
2 spare you that extra message. And thank you.

3 MESSAGE 268: Hi, my -- hi, my name is
4 Susan Berguson. I'm a citizen in Tucson, Arizona, and
5 I have already submitted a comment by e-mail today, but
6 just to make sure that it went through, I'm also going to
7 make a -- to make an oral comment over the phone. I have
8 a lot of concerns about the Rosemont Mine, and they fall
9 into the following categories. Water, health, quality of
10 life, environmental clean up and environmental
11 degradation.

12 First of all, I'm concerned about the use
13 of a large quantity of ground water in the -- in that
14 particular area of Arizona. We may need that ground
15 water in the future should we have a serious drought.
16 And is this a good long term use of the ground water to
17 help the operations of the copper mine as opposed to
18 saving that water for future needs.

19 Also, if the CAP water is used. The CAP is
20 known to be over allocated already, and in years of
21 serious drought if the CAP water levels drop, what would
22 -- how would the emerging conflict over CAP water be
23 managed, who would get the water, would it be Sahuarita
24 and Green Valley, would the mine get the water, how would
25 such a demand on a diminished water supply be managed.

1 I'm concerned and would ask that the Forest
2 Service study seriously, and I know that you are, the
3 affect of the degradation, degradation on the water, not
4 only the drop in the wells, the water levels in the wells
5 of surrounding homeowners in the area, but also the
6 impact downstream of pollutants from the mines, from this
7 particular mine as that kind of ground water pollution
8 from open pit mines is well known and well documented.

9 Another concern I have is the traffic along
10 Route 83 which I think will be greatly increased by slow
11 moving highly polluting vehicles in addition to the
12 employees vehicles and other traffic, and I think that
13 will be difficult for the residents of that area to
14 manage, as well as people who come to southern Arizona
15 for tourism and to enjoy the area.

16 I'm concerned about air pollution not only
17 from the mine, but also from this traffic from both,
18 because we have a lot of children and people with
19 breathing problems and asthma. In fact, asthma is one of
20 the top three health problems experienced by the Children
21 of the United States. And I know that those tailings
22 when they blow into the air can certainly have an affect
23 on people's ability to breath clean air.

24 The noise and lights and blasting from the
25 mine could certainly have a quality of impact issue --

1 quality of life impact issue on residents in the area,
2 and I would ask that the Forest Service study how both
3 people and wildlife will be affected by that kind of
4 noise and vibration.

5 Finally, I'm very concerned about the cost
6 of environmental clean up from this mine --

7 MESSAGE 269: Hello. My name is Ken Carrol
8 And I'm calling to comment about the Rosemont open pit
9 mine. I have a business in Sonoita, and I also have land
10 and I've invested pretty much my life savings down there.
11 And I think the mine would have a very negative impact on
12 tourism down there and the tourist business are tied to
13 my business. And also of course the value of the land
14 that I just bought down there and the home I'm trying to
15 build for my family.

16 Also my concern is on Highway 83, we
17 already have a lot of heavy trucks going on that and it
18 greatly restricts the commuting time between Tucson and
19 Sonoita and folks in Patagonia who have to commute back
20 and forth. I think the increased traffic will negatively
21 impact the people who have to commute for earning an
22 income to Tucson. And also just for general commerce to
23 get materials down to Sonoita and Patagonia would greatly
24 be restricted by the mining traffic.

25 My other concern is water quality.

1 Everybody is on a well system out there and I think we're
2 downhill from a lot of where the mining is, and also the
3 amount of water that they're going to be using will
4 certainly, certainly put a strain on our system as far as
5 I can tell.

6 If you have questions for me, my office
7 number is area code 520-455-9262. Thank you and have a
8 great day.

9 MESSAGE 270: Hello. My name is Judith
10 Gray. I live in Tucson at 1030 North Euclid Avenue. My
11 zip code is 85719. I am opposed to the opening of a mine
12 at the Rosemont area. I have been using this area as a
13 camping and hiking and exploring area since I was young,
14 50 years ago. My nephew uses it for hunting. It is a --
15 very close to Tucson, and it's an area of unusual beauty
16 and has an unusual mix of hardwoods that's rare in this
17 area. It also provides a park like setting for
18 recreationists. It's located on a scenic highway, and
19 any further mining activity would be most detrimental to
20 the beauty of the area and to the use of the road by the
21 citizens.

22 I feel that it should be delayed if not
23 completely forbidden at this time. I feel that there is
24 sufficient copper available in other mines that are
25 reopening, and I would ask that it either be denied or

1 that it be delayed for some future time, because
2 I believe that in the future it will be able to mine with
3 less environmental destruction than current practices.
4 And I most sincerely hope that you will deny or delay
5 this project. Thank you very much. Bye.

6 MESSAGE 271: Hello. This is Ken Carrol
7 again. And I just left you guys a little bit of a
8 message, but I forgot to mention my other great concern
9 is of air quality. I used to work down in the Sahuarita
10 and Green Valley area and I've seen the open pit mines
11 there. And I've seen how much dust and debris particles
12 are lifted into the air. And I'm certain that will be --
13 those particles go a long ways and are very light and
14 very fine and create both visibility issues and also
15 certainly some health concerns with regards to air
16 quality and how it affects people. I guess that's it.
17 Thanks.

18 MESSAGE 272: Hello. My name is Emily
19 Creigh, C-r-e-i-g-h. And I am very much opposed to the
20 Rosemont Mine. I don't think that a Canadian company
21 should come in and dictate how we use our resources. I
22 don't think it's a proper use of public land. I believe
23 a mine would use way too much water, and I'm very
24 concerned about that, not to mention the tourism lost
25 from having to drive past tailings, tailings piles up to

1 the natural landscape. And the road, the giant road,
2 highways, freeways that they'll have to put in is not
3 concordant with that area of nature. My name is Emily
4 Creigh, C-r-e-i-g-h, 520-270-5784. And I am definitely
5 very much opposed to the Rosemont Mine. Thank you. Bye.

6 MESSAGE 273: My name is Walter Sexton, and
7 I must say that I do have some concerns about the mine
8 and hearings that are going on. But they do not seem to
9 have included the Corona De Tucson area, which is where I
10 live, and I think that these issues need to be addressed.
11 It seems as though a lot of these hearings have been
12 going on in areas that really have not as much impact on
13 the mine and the residential areas around it. So anyway,
14 I do have concerns about that and I hope that they would
15 be addressed at some point in time. Thank you very much.

16 MESSAGE 274: Good afternoon. My name is
17 Lynn, and I'm calling in response to the concerns of the
18 (unintelligible) proposed mining project off of Sonoita
19 Highway. I have concerns about how it's going to affect
20 the quality of life as a resident in the area. That
21 we've already seen changes, new developments and schools
22 and things like that. And I have concerns about the
23 water use for the mines since we are on independent wells
24 for which we paid dearly to have (unintelligible). Where
25 to put the well and have the well that's producing at

1 this particular time. So just as it goes on record,
2 there are concerns that our quality of life may be
3 affected as a direct result of the mines being placed in
4 the nearby proximity and I would prefer them not to be
5 there. Thank you. Bye.

6 MESSAGE 275: Yes, I just wanted to call
7 and leave a comment to say that I believe that the plans
8 for the Rosemont Mine would be a tragedy to not only the
9 City of Tucson, but for the Forest Service to allow this
10 to be done. I believe it would ruin the area completely
11 by not only one, destroying the beauty of those
12 mountains, but also would hurt the city by depleting our
13 ground water situation that we already have problems with
14 now. I don't believe that issues have been touched. I
15 would like to see the proposal of what their plans are
16 for helping the environment from tearing it apart, the
17 way that they will. I believe this company has a bad
18 track record. So I would like to get more information
19 and have it available to the public. I don't think it's
20 been publicized enough on what the damage is that can be
21 done from this mine. I think people tend to forget what
22 it's done to the Green Valley area and you look at that
23 and what that looks like. And I think having it on both
24 sides of the valley would be a tragedy. Thank you.

25 MESSAGE 276: My name is Saso Villegas,

1 Director of Natural Resources, Tohono O'Odahm Nation.
2 I'm requesting that we would like to send a place holder
3 letter, because we intend to submit any comments as soon
4 as possible. Thank you very much. And my number is
5 520-471-3464. Thank you.

6 MESSAGE 277: This Rose -- Rosemont Copper
7 mine thing is, other than what is right for Patagonia,
8 specifically I'm talking about Patagonia, due to the
9 nature of -- I have something to do with one of the
10 biggest companies in Patagonia, and many thousands of
11 people have come through there per year. And they need
12 access from the airport in Tucson to that on a daily
13 basis, so, it's affecting the health and the well being
14 of the citizens local, and also globally actually it has
15 an affect. And that's the big thing.

16 MESSAGE 278: This is Randall Kirtchel of
17 8540 East Silver Place, Tucson, Arizona, 85750. I am
18 calling to voice my objection to the Rosemont -- proposed
19 Rosemont Copper project for a number of reasons. First
20 and foremost, I have recreated and camped in the Box
21 Canyon area for the nearly 30 years that I've lived in
22 Tucson. Rosemont Copper's operations will spell and end
23 to this for me because it will close off the access road
24 through the Greaterville to Box Canyon Road entrance.
25 Obviously I have problems with the aesthetics is another

1 point. I do feel it will destroy the area in that
2 regard. And for Rosemont Copper to say that this will
3 not -- their mining operations will not significantly
4 affect the aquifer in the Santa Rita mountains is
5 obviously ludicrous. I also feel that the Forest Service
6 review policy was not straight forward in the beginning,
7 and I would be happy to enjoin any appeal to straighten
8 this process out.

9 I feel that the Forest Service is
10 backpedaling with this comment line trying to recoup the
11 fact that the public has been made aware of this.
12 I think this would not be the case right now without all
13 the public and especially the political outcry that the
14 Rosemont Copper project has created. Anyhow, you can
15 obviously tell that I am not pleased about Rosemont
16 Copper going into the Santa Ritas. If it hadn't have
17 been for our legislators and so much public outcry and
18 the fact that the Forest Service was a little bit
19 slipshod about the initial presentation of the comment I
20 think it would have been a back office done deal claiming
21 that there's the mining act of 18 whatever, 1867.

22 And I just feel that it was a fast one
23 trying to be pulled over the public. This is a public
24 access land, this is Forest Service that our taxes pay
25 for. We will not be able to publicly recreate in a

1 tremendous area that will be impacted by Rosemont Copper.
2 I thank you for your time. Have a good day.

3 MESSAGE 279: My name is Robert Harris.
4 Comment is I've sent about five e-mails in and haven't
5 gotten notification that they've been received by the
6 comments section, so I'm really not sure if the comments
7 that I'm making on e-mail are being recorded or not. But
8 I'm sending them to comments Southwestern Coronado,
9 FS.fad.us. And it has stopped responding with
10 notification that it receives them. Seems like there may
11 be a problem. Bye.

12 MESSAGE 280: My name is Victoria Boll, and
13 I live in Elgin. And I work at the (unintelligible)
14 Center which is northeast of Sonoita -- Northwest, excuse
15 me of Sonoita. Approximately 5 to 6 miles as the crow
16 flies from the beginning of the blasting area, as best we
17 can tell. I'm calling to make a comment about the safety
18 of trucks going up and down road 80 -- Highway 83.
19 According to what I read, there will be approximately 150
20 trucks coming and 150 trucks leaving the road into the
21 mine every 24 hours. Which breaks down to one truck
22 coming and going every 4.8 minutes. I'm concerned with
23 how Rosemont proposes to deal with safety issues such --
24 because every -- that means every five minutes a truck
25 will be slowing down, or every ten minutes approximately,

1 a truck will be slowing down to turn into the plant, as
2 well as every ten minutes, alternately, a truck will be
3 pulling out into traffic. Does the company plan to build
4 turning lanes and right of ways. I'm also concerned with
5 how heavy trucks will degraded the road, and if it's only
6 a two lane road, how are they going to deal with upkeep
7 on the road. And when improvements have to be made and
8 traffic has to be blocked for that.

9 In other words, I'm really concerned
10 that the traffic -- they're going to significantly impede
11 traffic on that road because they have no alternative.
12 There's no space to build other lanes, but perhaps that's
13 part of their plan. But I think they need to address the
14 safety issues of trucks coming -- turning into, slowing
15 down to turn into and pulling out of in front of traffic
16 every five minutes. And therefore they need turning
17 lanes, they need other safety -- other -- other -- they
18 need to add to the road in order to accommodate other
19 traffic that needs to go straight through. Thank you.

20 MESSAGE 281: Yes, I'd like to register my
21 disapproval of the Rosemont Mine plan on several basis.
22 Number one, a foreign country is using an outdated 1800
23 mining law -- mineral law to steal American land with the
24 help of the BLM. I can't help but wonder what officials
25 have been paid for, because I've been paying close

1 attention to this process all along and have never been
2 able to shake the feeling that it's already a done deal
3 for this Canadian company. My other concern with this
4 Canadian company also is that they have had several other
5 projects that have been questionable as far as
6 environmental impact. My third concern with this project
7 has to do with the water table, and as the prime example,
8 look across the valley to Pima Mine and see how this has
9 affected the water tables around Green Valley and such.
10 I just hope that, you know, some consideration is taken
11 into play here when the decision is made, because I
12 strongly feel that this mine will affect our water table,
13 and I don't think Tucson is ready to start drinking
14 reclamation type water, so thank you for your time.

15 MESSAGE 282: Hello. Regarding the
16 Rosemont Copper Mine. I think this is one of the worst
17 ideas ever to come around in southern Arizona. I know
18 this is the copper state, but if we needed the copper,
19 I'd think a different way. But we don't need the copper,
20 we don't need another copper mine. It's simply a way for
21 a few to get rich at the expense of the taxpayer and the
22 citizen. To put a one mile deep hole in the middle of
23 Rosemont Canyon and to pile that refuse on the other side
24 of the road in a one mile large hill on top of a mountain
25 is absolutely ridiculous. That is one of the most

1 breathtaking vistas in all of southern Arizona. And it
2 would be a travesty to spoil it for copper that we don't
3 need. Thank you very much for the commentary. Bye-bye.

4 MESSAGE 283: My name is Dr. Nancy Coyne.
5 I'm a physician and a homeowner in Sonoita, Arizona. I'm
6 appalled at the idea of a strip mine being developed at
7 this stage and in this area. The aquifer is delicate and
8 development has been intense up and down the corridor.
9 Um, everywhere there has been, um, a strip mine the water
10 has been polluted for generations after, as well as home
11 soil and (unintelligible). This is a beautiful, natural
12 area which is utilized for tourism and wine growing and
13 farming and, in our case, horses. And it will be
14 destroyed if there's blasting, if there is pollution, and
15 if the aquifer is drained or polluted. So I am very much
16 not in favor of a mine as a physician and as a citizen
17 and homeowner in the area.

18 MESSAGE 284: I wanted to voice my opinion.
19 I'm a registered voter in Pima county and I am against
20 the mine for five reasons that pertain to the natural
21 environment and its impact, the shortage of water in
22 Arizona. The aesthetic value of the Santa Ritas that
23 should be preserved, my opposition to other countries
24 continuing to purchase items and take over the United
25 States. Today you probably heard that they're being the

1 beer company and another country has just purchased the
2 Chrysler building in New York. And I'm also against
3 exploiting our resources to provide materials for the
4 growth of other countries, such as growths in China.

5 First of all the environment. The Santa
6 Ritas are owned by my government and I wish to keep them
7 that way. It's a sky island and there are many plants
8 and animals that I think should be preserved.

9 Number two, and this is -- I mean golly,
10 guys, don't you understand that we have a shortage of
11 water in Arizona. I don't get it. I mean take a lesson
12 from Florida. Read your Time magazine. There's a big
13 shortage of water in Florida due to poor management and
14 continuing to increase growth within the state. We need
15 to learn by their lessons. Read their words, they talk
16 about this. Everybody has to crash and burn, nobody
17 learns.

18 Three, aesthetics, when I climb up Mt.
19 Wrightson and look out there are open pit mines. I don't
20 know who owns them, but their ugly. Number four, the
21 mine company is from Canada. Canada is a huge country.
22 They have their own resources. They want to come here
23 and muck up our fragile environment. This is the United
24 States. We -- why should we let them do this.

25 Number five, if you guys haven't noticed,

1 we are nearing probably what I see as a depression.
2 There is a run on the banks, our economy is terrible, et
3 cetera. And what do we do, we provide raw materials to
4 countries such as China to compete to produce a thing
5 such as TV sets, et cetera and other items that require
6 copper. That --

7 MESSAGE 285: I'm calling in opposition to
8 the Rosemont Mine. My reasons are several fold. I have
9 concern about the damage to the desert, remembering what
10 the mines look like on the other side of Green Valley,
11 the tailing piles where nothing grows.

12 I'm concerned about heavy metal
13 contamination of the aquifer. I am concerned about the
14 depletion of the aquifer, and how it might ultimately
15 affect the San Pedro riparian area. And I'm also
16 concerned about the fact that it is an international,
17 Canadian company that will reap many of the benefits.
18 And finally I am concerned about the archaic and
19 anachronistic 1872 mining law that gives preference to
20 mining over every other consideration.

21 I also know because of family connections
22 that there are serious indian religious concerns about
23 defiling that area with a mine. So all in all, for all
24 these reasons, I'm strongly in opposition to the Rosemont
25 Mine. Thank you very much for listening to my concerns.

1 MESSAGE 286: Hello. I'm calling to
2 register my opposition to the Rosemont Mine project for
3 the following reasons. First reason being the importance
4 to the environment of changing the landscaping and
5 altering that and secondly the water situation in the
6 Green Valley, Sahuarita area, where we already know that
7 we've had a six inch decline in the water table as noted
8 in the Ariz -- as noted in the Green Valley News and some
9 newspaper.

10 And my next opposition is in regards to the
11 whole issue of global warming and the temperature changes
12 that have occurred in the Green Valley area since we
13 moved here 15 years ago, and the more the landscape that
14 is destroyed, the warmer from our temperatures become and
15 the less pleasant it becomes because of the atmospheric
16 changes caused by the decrease in the natural vegetation.
17 Thank you for the opportunity to register these comments,
18 and I appreciate your consideration. Have a great day.
19 Bye-bye.

20 MESSAGE 287: Hello. My name is Nan Kaly,
21 I live in the Vail area, and I am opposed to an open pit
22 mine in our area. I believe that the copper mining
23 position is -- would behoove the copper mining to do it
24 somewhere else. It's not something that we really need
25 to have done.

1 I'm concerned about all that goes in with
2 the copper mining and open pits. The mountains are
3 already scared severely from mining. And I can't see
4 that this is going to improve that at all. I'm also
5 concerned about how close it is to our freeways and to
6 how we have students, school buses that are traveling
7 through the area of where that open pit mine will be. So
8 I know that you will take these considerations at face
9 value. I hope that you will sincerely take a harder look
10 at what is being proposed and that you will understand
11 the concerns of the residents here in Vail. And that you
12 will deny the opportunity for the copper mining industry
13 to take place here. Thank you. Bye.

14 MESSAGE 288: Hello. My name is Paige
15 Costello, and I oppose the Rosemont Mine Copper project.
16 I have a lot of reasons for this belief. I live in
17 the -- I went to school in the Patagonia area. I am a
18 freshman now in a college in California. But my family
19 still lives in the Elgin area. I believe that the copper
20 mine will take away and detract from the natural beauty
21 and scenery there because -- and that draws a lot of
22 tourism to the area and a lot of moneys that are well
23 earned by the local people in -- in an ethical capacity
24 that can't be created by the mine.

25 I -- I am deeply disappointed in the way

1 that this Canadian company is going to take most of the
2 profits and are probably going to sell the copper to
3 China for their air-conditioners. I think it's improper
4 and wrong in many ways. And I'm -- I'm upset by it. I
5 drive by there very often and it will be very sad to see
6 it gone, I guess. But, um, I -- I don't think the
7 permanent pit will be worth the 500 jobs it creates.
8 Hate to say it.

9 Um, well, I guess the scoping period is
10 almost over. I'm at my house in Colorado. And I see
11 that the State of Colorado has managed their old mines
12 rather well and have opened their mines to a new young
13 generation that wants a greener planet. I don't think
14 that the greenhouse gas emissions of the project have
15 been considered enough. Recently in New Mexico, the BLM
16 was sued by a western ecological law corporation in --
17 because they did not consider the effects of the drilling
18 and oil projects that they leased to. So -- and they
19 won, the eco law did.

20 So I hope you consider every option and
21 think very thoroughly about the permanent affect it will
22 have on the lives of the people there and the pollution
23 and the affect on the environment it will create. Once
24 again, I'm 18, but I have very strong opinions about how
25 much I love that area and I really hope the mine doesn't

1 go in. I think Arizona can find something better to do
2 with its resources and for the area, the tourism --

3 MESSAGE 289: My name is Rachel King. I'm
4 a resident of Pima County, US Citizen. And I am opposed
5 to the open pit mine. And one of my main concerns along
6 the -- many of the disastrous environmental -- potential
7 disastrous environmental impact of the mine is the usage
8 of water, which is a precious resource to my community.
9 The amount of -- huge amount of water going to be used to
10 operate the mine, so I feel like this is a huge issue of
11 concern, immediate concern, immediate impact to the usage
12 of ground water. Thank you. If you need to talk to me,
13 520-304-5480. Bye-bye.

14 MESSAGE 290: My name is Annette Brink.
15 I've lived in the Santa Cruz County area for over three
16 years with my husband, my daughter who attended high
17 school there and is now entering college. And my larger
18 family and pets, and friends.

19 We came to Santa Cruz because we believed
20 in the land there and we wanted to help make it a good
21 place to live. I'm a member of the school board at the
22 high school, and I now work in the Tubac area. For me
23 taking care of the very vital and few precious resources
24 that we have in southeastern Arizona is a critical
25 responsibility of our government and ourselves. I would

1 like to see greater attention paid to our water resource
2 needs.

3 I think that the mine is a devastating
4 impact to water. It will add to noise and light
5 pollution, dust. The traffic on the road is dangerous
6 already and it will become more so.

7 It's very short-sighted to move this mine
8 into our world and essentially sacrifice the future for a
9 very short-term economic gain. It's important for our
10 public officials to take this into account when they make
11 decisions, and to use long-term thinking instead of
12 short-term gain as a motive for making decisions.

13 Again, the impacts to us are going to be
14 devastating. It's about water, it's about not being able
15 to return the land to its original state. And future
16 generations will ask us how we could possibly make a
17 decision like this without thinking about them and
18 without thinking about their future.

19 So please, please, spend the time
20 necessary to study this very carefully and do not move
21 forward quickly with this decision. There is plenty of
22 copper in the world in other places that can be garnered.
23 We don't need to dig it out of a mile deep mine right
24 here in the Santa Ritas.

25 If this mine were discovered in Switzerland

1 or Germany, France, Italy, it would not move forward
2 because the people in those cultures have different value
3 systems. Let's think about the fact that we are still
4 living in this archaic world of allowing our government
5 and entrepreneurs to simply decimate our resources before
6 we know what's happened. It's no longer -- no longer a
7 maverick renegade state. Let's stop thinking that way
8 and start --

9 MESSAGE 291: My main concern is that the
10 mine is on a highway that's a designated scenic highway.
11 In fact, the value of this area between Tucson and
12 Sonoita and Patagonia is its beauty. It's a tourism
13 area. So there's our main economy is tourism, and then
14 the value of the real estate being developed into
15 ranchettes and homes. And it seems like having an open
16 pit copper mine is the last thing that we need and would
17 destroy the value of the area. Also the heavy mining
18 trucks on the narrow winding two lane road seems very
19 dangerous. The high school kids in Sonoita get bused to
20 Vail, so you'll have school buses with kids on the road
21 sharing it with mining vehicles. It just seems like a
22 bad, bad idea.

23 And I'm sure that Rosemont Copper Company
24 is going to be able to extract some economic value out of
25 this mine, but everyone else in Arizona is going to be a

1 loser. The residents of Tucson, Sonoita, Patagonia are
2 going to be losers in terms of the beauty of the area,
3 the danger of the highway, the pollution, the noise. It
4 just seems like a very, very bad idea, and I have a hard
5 time imagining that one of our government agencies will
6 go along with this. And I hope you'll consider my
7 comments, thank you.

8 MESSAGE 292: I'm just calling about the
9 Rosemont Mine thing. I'm kind of wondering what this is
10 all about. I mean, I've been up in Rosemont lately.
11 They've already got bulldozers, heavy equipment, water
12 trucks, widening roads. You got guys up there working on
13 mines already with those roads, those access roads closed
14 to them for no public to go there. I mean, is this stuff
15 necessary? I mean, what are we doing this for, you guys
16 have already started. I don't see you guys stopping.
17 It's just getting bigger up there and it's getting wider.
18 That's my comment. Thanks.

19 MESSAGE 293: I would like to go on record
20 strongly objecting to the Rosemont Mine project. The
21 reasons are inadequate water, and water contamination,
22 air pollution, destruction of habitat and other safety
23 issues. Thank you for your time. Bye-bye.

24 MESSAGE 294: Yes, I just wanted to leave a
25 message in regards to the proposed Rosemont Mine. Very

1 much against this proposal, given the environmental and
2 community ramifications. It would significantly change
3 for the negative the communities overall long term goals
4 for bringing in tourism, monies to the community, new
5 faces, keeping the environment clean. It would
6 significantly impact negatively the access for recreation
7 and potentially significantly pollute the environment,
8 including the water shed, the air quality, the truck
9 traffic, et cetera.

10 Long-term economic ramifications are going
11 to far exceed on the negative than anything that would be
12 benefited from going forward with the Rosemont Mine. So
13 that is it. I hope that it does in fact make a
14 difference. And I hope the mine is -- the proposed mine
15 is not successful. Thank you.

16 MESSAGE 295: Hello. I'd like to first
17 thank you for taking public comments in this way and
18 making it easier for people to express their beliefs on
19 this, the Rosemont Mine, proposed Rosemont Mine. I very
20 much oppose it. As a sportsman and outdoors man. I feel
21 it will ruin our mountains and with very little economic
22 benefit to the area or to the country as a whole. And so
23 I just think the destruction to the environment and the
24 Santa Rita mountains far outweighs any economic benefits
25 that will benefit from Rosemont mines. So, thank you

1 again for listening to my comment. Have a great day.
2 Bye-bye.

3 MESSAGE 296: (No audio.)

4 MESSAGE 297: This is Richard Vovol at 211
5 Paseo Conquistadores in Green Valley. To allow a --
6 another mine to come in and -- and desecrate our
7 mountains here is -- is ludicrous. The mount -- mount --

8 MESSAGE 298: Hello. Hi. I am just going
9 to be making some blunt statements. This is against the
10 Rosemont Mine. One, it will pollute the air; two, it
11 will pollute the water. It will contaminate the well
12 waters in the area. The scenery will be lost down 83.
13 The traffic on 83 will be absolutely horrible. It will
14 be tearing up the roads on Highway 83. Our taxpayers
15 purchased this property out of the taxpayers money. It
16 has no right to sell unless it is given back to the
17 taxpayers to vote on.

18 As far as this being a Canadian company.
19 If this Canadian Company want to mine, then let that
20 Canadian company go back to Canada, use their federal
21 land, and let them mine up there in Canada. I don't know
22 if anyone has been down Highway 83, but the amount of
23 traffic that this mine is going to be proposing with
24 trucks, 83 will be impassible. It will slow down
25 traffic, it will absolutely tear up these roads going

1 down to 83. It's a windy, hilly road and these trucks
2 have no business down there. I am against this Rosemont
3 Mine. It needs to stop. You cannot put this through.
4 Thank you.

5 MESSAGE 299: Hi. I'm calling about the
6 Rosemont Mine. First of all, I am totally against it.
7 There are quite a few reasons and what I'm going to be
8 doing is just stating the reasons. I won't be getting
9 into this much, just stating reasons. One, The scenery
10 of that area down 83 will totally be lost. It's
11 beautiful, let's keep it beautiful.

12 Traffic, traffic on 83 is going to be
13 terrible. The roads are windy and hilly, very narrow.
14 It will not accommodate large trucks. They will
15 completely destroy the roads in that area. Taxpayers
16 purchased that property. And the government has no right
17 to sell it or give it to mine people without it being
18 taken to the public's vote to see if this is really what
19 they want. Contaminated water on the well water in the
20 area. It will definitely contaminate the well water.
21 It's going to pollute the air, pollute the other water.

22 And as far as this being a Canadian
23 company, let them go back to Canada and mine up there.
24 This has got to stop. This can't go through. It's not a
25 good feasible area. Let's keep the area beautiful. We

1 don't need a mine back at the Rosemont area. Thank you.

2 MESSAGE 300: Hi. I live in Tucson,
3 Arizona. And I think that they should allow the mine to
4 open and be built because it will provide a lot of really
5 needed jobs, good paying jobs for southern Arizona. So I
6 think it's a yes. It's a go. Build the mine.

7 MESSAGE 301: Good afternoon. My name is
8 Bob Shesgreen. I am a homeowner at Quail Creek in Green
9 Valley. And I would just like to state that I am opposed
10 to the mining in the Santa Rita mountains on the eastern
11 slopes because we're concerned that it will affect the
12 quality of our water by chemicals and things that will
13 eventually seep into the water system, the aquifers. And
14 we're afraid that too much of the water will be used and
15 there won't be enough for people that live in the area.

16 We're also concerned that it will ruin the
17 environment for the wildlife. That it will pollute the
18 air from the large diesel trucks that will be doing the
19 mining work. And we're concerned about the noise and the
20 dumping of the tailings on the western slope and ruining
21 our view of the mountains, and also just basically
22 destroying the mountains. So we are severely opposed to
23 this operation and would like to see it halted. Thank
24 you very much. Bye.

25 MESSAGE 302: Hi. My name is Sarah

1 Forester, and I volunteer with Sky Island Alliance in the
2 area that the Rosemont Copper Mine is, I do a wildlife
3 transect. And so I'm concerned about the sensitive
4 threatened and endangered species in that area. And I'm
5 wanting to know what affects the mine and the mine
6 tailings will have on those species and how those affects
7 will be mitigated by the mine.

8 I'm also very concerned about the tailings,
9 the dry tailings process of if that is something that
10 does work in this climate with our high winds. If it's a
11 tailing place that the winds can pick up and take the
12 tailings into the community and how animals and humans
13 will be affected by whatever is in those tailings.

14 I'm concerned about how the toxins from the
15 road that isn't going to be kept dust free by water but
16 by chemicals, how that will affect the terrestrial
17 species such as snakes and lizards, horny toads, turtles,
18 or the tortoises, how that will be affected. That needs
19 to be studied and the affects of that also need to be
20 made known to the public. And that's it.

21 MESSAGE 303: Hello. My name is Cheryl
22 Renny, Sonoita, Arizona. I would like the review
23 committee to consider instead of doing an open pit mine
24 at the proposed Rosemont project, to do a deep
25 underground copper mine, similar, a, to what the

1 Resolution Copper Mining Company is doing in Superior,
2 Arizona, so that we could eliminate tailings and, um,
3 then we could maybe fill -- use some of the other
4 materials to fill other open pits, as they propose to do.
5 Anyway, if you would please consider that as an
6 alternative, um, and give us pros and cons of that, I
7 would really appreciate it. Thank you very much.

8 MESSAGE 304: Good morning. My name is
9 Cheryl Renny from Sonoita, Arizona. In it's notice of
10 intent the Augusta Resources, i.e., Rosemont Copper
11 project justified the project by saying it's a matter of
12 national security to be able to provide percentage of the
13 nation's need for copper. And I would like to reject
14 that statement because there is nothing in the mining
15 plan of operations or elsewhere that requires that
16 Rosemont Copper keep a percentage of that copper here in
17 the United States. In fact, it is -- we all know that
18 it's the emerging markets like China and India who have
19 been expanding much -- expanding much faster than the
20 United States. And they will probably get the lion's
21 share of that copper.

22 So in order to keep Rosemont's feet to the
23 fire and to hold it accountable for its justification of
24 national security it is -- only makes sense that a
25 percentage of the copper mine be required to be kept in

1 the United States.

2 And also citizens should be compensated at
3 a market value for the copper and other minerals taken
4 out of the project. This was recently required in a
5 similar, but much larger project here in Arizona. And,
6 a, citizens should be compensated.

7 MESSAGE 305: My name is Chuck Hickner. My
8 phone number is 327-1179. I live in Tucson. I don't
9 like the idea of Rosemont going in and doing the mine. I
10 think that mines don't have to pay nearly enough for the
11 destruction they cause. They are abominable, they mess
12 up and I don't understand why we never make them pay for
13 the destruction they cause. I'm glad that they bring us
14 some money, but continually screwing up the land for so
15 little cost, they don't have to pay hardly anything for
16 the land they screw up. And then no one comes back on
17 them, really make them recover the land the way they
18 should. That's my opinion. And I hope to hell this does
19 not go through. Thank you very much.

20 MESSAGE 308: (No audio.)

21 (No file entitled Message 309)

22 MESSAGE 310: (No audio.)

23 MESSAGE 310(2): (No audio.)

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25 (END OF TRANSCRIPTION.)