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I foresee the same damaging results to the environment of the East side of the Santa Cruz River Valley (Rosemont Mine) as compared to the west side of the Valley (Sierrita, and Aztec, and Anamat Mines.) Contaminated water, Blowing tailing's Dam Dust, Waste dumps or Buttresses covered with Green Paint, Dead trees, and lots of Erosion.

Augusta Resources Corp, A Loreign Company is saying that they will not compromise the Region? Living in this Region for 60 years of my life, I do not believe one word said in behalf of Rosemont Mine.

Thank you,

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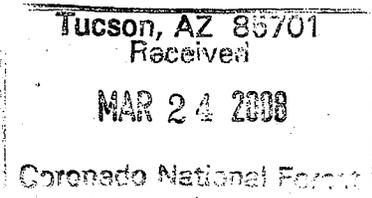
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COMMENT: ① Would like a Town Hall meeting with a discussion & Question/Answer, Comment Format for everyone to hear & be officially recorded.

② I am concerned about the following environmental & health issues:

- A. Air quality
B. Water quality & quantity (contamination & depletion of groundwater)
C. Wastewater quality & disposal
D. Impact on plant & animal life/habitat
E. Health of workers and surrounding area residents due to mining operation
F. Noise pollution

③ Economic impact on area:
A. Negative impact on existing businesses, related to tourism, recreation

④ Quality of life & aesthetic values impact. Views, solitude

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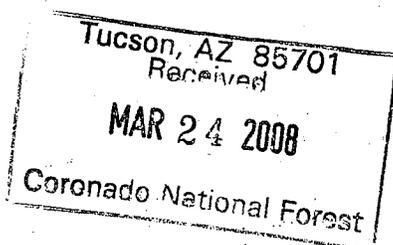
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COMMENT: 1) Water - No one knows the quantity of the water available in this area. The mine plans to use CAP water - but this is a limited supply - as other states need this source of water - Plus as they use the required water they will pump it into pits - which will leach into the ground and further destroy the existing water - of Green Valley. 2) Air pollution - Tucson cannot meet the EPA air quality standards now - with the pollution from the Green Valley mines, this will add to the pollution when this mine is opened. 3) Traffic - Route 83 is a two lane road and was never developed to accept the heavy loads that we now experience - what will happen if this mine is put in operation. 4) We have enough mine in this area with out increasing production.

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4) The mine claims that it will bring more money into the area - it will never match the input from the tourism & recreation activities -

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So many ways this mine will impact this entire area. Water is a huge concern, our water is pumped from the local aquifer & this mine will doubtless contaminate the water. Never mind dropping ^{the} water level of our well. The road (Rte. 83) situation is a nightmare. This is the only road out for most folks in this area. We already fight with out-size trucks on this narrow, twisting road. We have ourselves found our way blocked by an overturned large load, more than once. How can this little road accommodate all the heavy equipment & loaded trucks scheduled to use it? Will the state of AZ build another road? Ha. Employment is a joke - the figures are exaggerated & what about layoffs? What happens when the price of copper drops? We all know that answer - the mines quietly leave in the middle of the night. Naturally leaving a totally degraded - once lovely - place behind. Recreation? Ask Tucsonans who come out here to hike, camp, hunt, etc, etc. Gone!

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-> LOCAL TOURISM THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF THE MINE WILL NOT NET OUT POSITIVE WHEN COMPARED TO THE LOSS OF TOURIST REVENUES
-> ENVIRONMENTAL THE MINE WILL DESTROY PLANT SPECIES ANIMAL LIFE AND CENTURY OAKS IN AN ECO SENSITIVE AREA RECOGNIZED GLOBALLY.
-> REAL ESTATE VALUES: HOME VALUES WILL DECLINE DRAMATICALLY AND WON'T RECOVER FOR DECADES.
-> THE AFTERMATH: CANADIAN MINING COMPANIES HAVE A HORRIBLE REPUTATION REGARDING HOW THEY LEAVE THE LAND AFTER COMPLETION MANY EXAMPLES EXIST AROUND THE COUNTRY.
-> HYDROLOGY WATER TABLES WILL DECLINE PLANT LIFE WILL DIE, THE HIGH DESERT WILL BE LOST.

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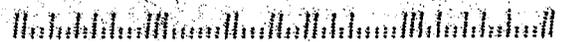
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Tucson AMA model study shows water levels will drop 150 feet by the year 2025(i.e. 31,000 acre feet per year). Rosemont Mine expects to pump 6,000 acre feet per year. Eric Holler manager of the Southern Arizona Bureau of Reclamation admits Green Valley is heading for a water crisis. Hydrological studies are imperative. Under NEPA, the federal agency can require a private company to pay for the studies. The studies should address the potential of subsidence and ground water contamination. Phelps Dodge mine in Green Valley sent a sulfate plume into surrounding wells causing new ones to be drilled.

CAP water replacement for the ground water Rosemont is pumping out is a travesty. CAP water is undrinkable and untreatable for human consumption.

Another significant factor is posting a bond. The Bond needs to be secured to the land and not the company. Companies go bankrupt and for reclamation and contamination intervention, a significant high bond \$200 million has to be posted.

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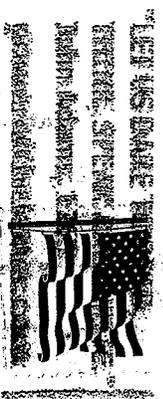
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Dear Andrea:

The Rosemont mine must not be approved because:

Tailing piles would leach toxic heavy metals and other chemicals into the ground waters which drain into Tucson area water supplies and would pollute riparian areas such as Davidson Canyon. How will the CNF guarantee this won't take place?

The proposed mine would dewater residential wells in the area of their 6000 acre/ft/yr wells and cause ground subsidence over a large area. Will the CNF guarantee this won't happen?

Air quality in nearby residential areas would be damaged by blowing dust from tailings and waste piles as well as mining truck exhaust. How could this air pollution be stopped?

Trucks to and from the mine every 10-15 minutes all day, every day, would endanger children on school buses, disrupt commuters and other residents, bicyclists, motorcyclists and tourists who use Scenic High 83 regularly. The CNF will be liable for crashes and deaths if Rosemont Mine is permitted.

Blasting would ruin quality of life for nearby residents and wildlife. Residential property values would drop precipitously. How does the CNF expect to address these issues?

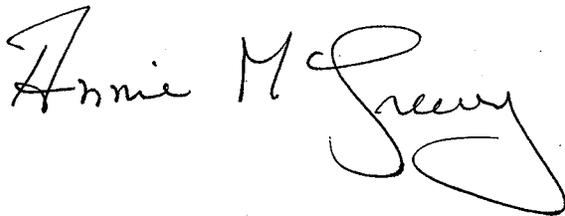
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Hunting, camping, hiking, riding horses and ATVs and bird watching will be eliminated from the area around the mine. How will CNF explain to the American public who owns these lands that they are less important than a Canadian mining company that has never run a mine? What remediation will CNF require to return these lands to their previous uses?

The economy of SE Arizona is heavily based on tourism. An open pit mine with their trucks jamming Scenic Highway 83 would not be a tourist attraction as Rosemont Copper claims. Will CNF compensate all the small businesses that would be killed by this giant mining project that would provide some jobs for 20 years and then go away?

What was the protocol for selecting SWCA as the NEPA/EIS consultant?

Please do not permit this destructive mine.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie McGreevy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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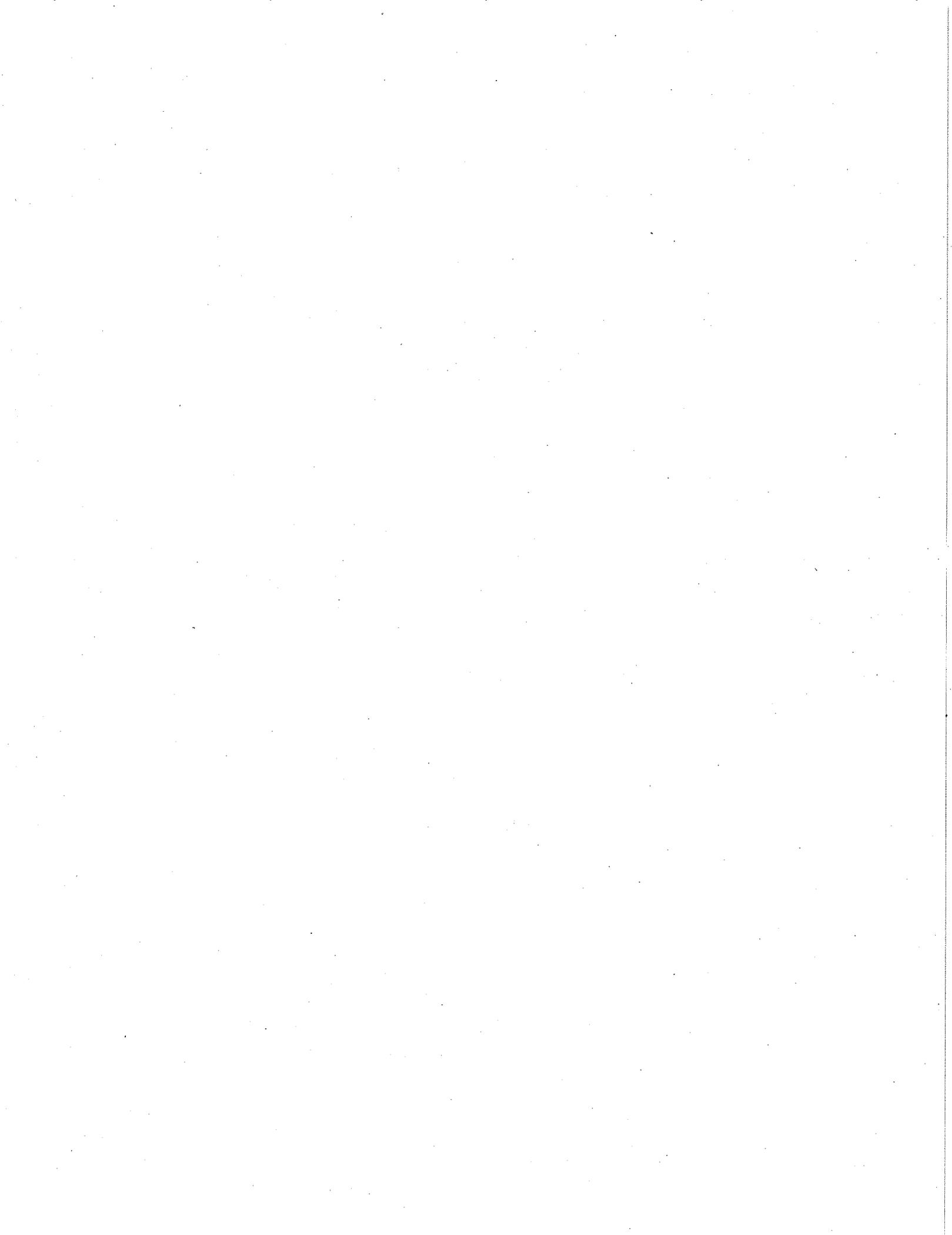
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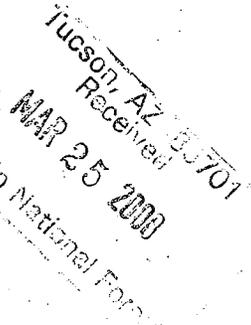
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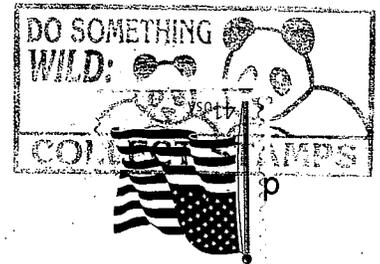
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Please look for copper elsewhere! In other words, GO HOME!! This State has become populated since the 1872 Mining Laws.

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- 3) Traffic will increase on roads inadequate for the increase.
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- 5) There are sometimes pollution concerns that may not be addressed.
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- 7) The proposed mine doesn't have enough land of their own for the complete operation of a mine. I don't feel they should use forest service land as a dump.

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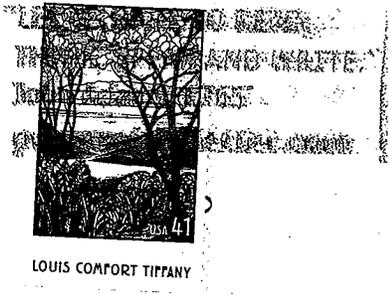
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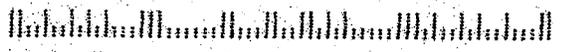


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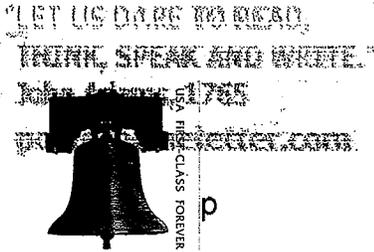
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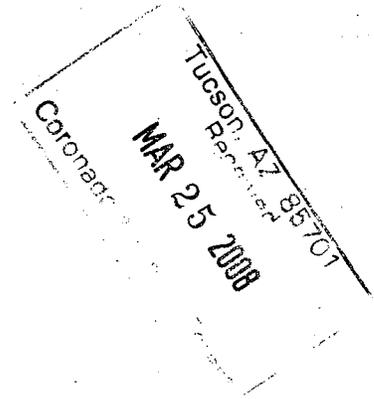
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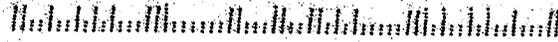


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Their mining will rape the land just like the mines and tailing ponds west of GV have done. Don't believe their claims that they won't.

Population growth & housing development have already gotten out of control because of the greed of developers. Rosemont brags about the jobs & money brought to the area. Let's not be taken in by these claims and ruin our area for future generations.

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Drilling wells for mine use will lower the water level endangering many existing private wells. Currently, mine operations would rather pay a permit fine than prevent dust & residues from slating on CV. Water is vital & so is the preservation of the natural beauty of the Santa Rita

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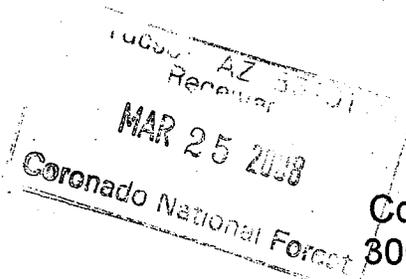
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1. Corporation promoting this development has no mining history. If operation is sold what guarantees do the public have that Rosemont promised mitigation will be followed through? 2. Under existing laws taxpayers subsidize mining by and through the loss of natural resources. How is corporation to repay the debt? 3. Area becomes extremely dry and has extreme levels of fire hazards at times. Won't this development impact Forest Service fire control efforts? 4. Road into area is a winding, scenic highway. Trucks hauling mining product will create a public hazard and necessitate additional road maintenance at taxpayer expense. 5. Hazardous dust from existing mining operations in the area already create significant public health issues for humans as well as wildlife. Mine operators choose to pay the minimal fines levied rather than attempt to resolve the problem. How does Rosemont plan to address the problem? 6. The valley running from Nogales to Tucson is rapidly and aggressively being developed. This significantly impacts wildlife habitats and human access to open areas for recreation and solitude. How is this loss to be mitigated?

NAME: PHILIP GRAY

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 3969 S CAMINO DEL HEROE Green Valley, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: As a Home owner living in Singing Valley N. for the last 19 years I strongly oppose the Augusta mine for the following reasons.

- 1- Strong possibility of our wells running dry.
2. The dust will be impossible to deal with
3. Noise level will be impossible
4. Wild life will disappear
5. Traffic on Hwy 83 would be out of sight
6. Depreciation of my home would be enormous

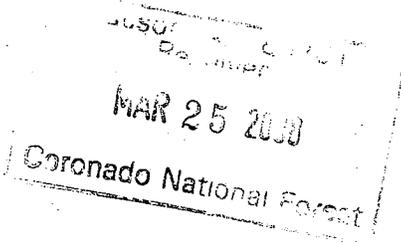
NAME: Richard Crump

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 13001 Singing Valley N.
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COMMENT:

There are two major concerns regarding this mine:

1) water useage by the mine and the deprivation to the surrounding countryside and communities - clean H2O act, safe drinking H2O, etc

2) loss of tourist revenue due to road congestion and the destruction of the wildlife and vegetation.

NAME: JUDY A. BRYDON

EMAIL: montone.dreams@wildblue.net

ADDRESS: HC 1 Box 1011 SONORA, AZ 85637

MAR. 20 This meeting was a travesty and made the forestry service look BAD.

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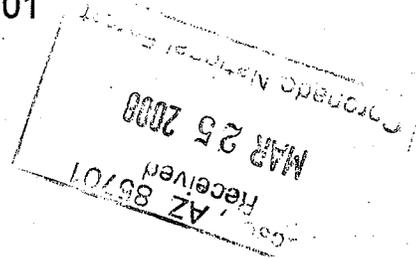


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COMMENT: I am CONCERNED ABOUT THE water usage the mine will demand and how it will effect us - the Residents of this water aquifer.

I am concerned that the mining law of 1872 allows co. not from this country & with no interest in the country to come into this country and destroy our flora, fauna and ecology with no requirement for Reclamation.

I am further concerned about the noise & pollution of the large manufacturing/mining equipment in our area and on our roads. Again, these foreigners have no consideration for our roads as they pay no taxes - state or federal - for them & do not have to live with the sights & sounds of the mine - especially the sight of it for fears to come.

NAME: RAY & ALICE CARWIN

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 491 W. Pecan Valley Dr. Green Valley, Az. 36514

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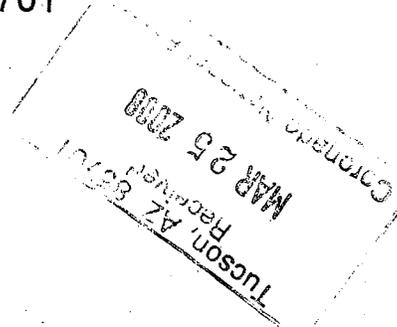
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Re: Public Comments For the Proposed Rosemont Mine Project:

COMMENT: There are many reasons for the US Forest Service to deny the Rosemont Proposal. The Rosemont proposal is to draw high quality drinking water from the aquifers that supply the West side of the Santa Rita Mountains and Green Valley, at a rate of over 6,000 acre-feet of ground water to use in their mining operation. The propose to replace this with CAP water. This would likely cause as many as 300 local wells to go dry and lower the water tables of the entire Green Valley area. They do not want to use CAP water for the mine because they know that it is not as pure as the ground water, therefore they would have to further filter and process it and because they know that there is no annual guarantee of how much CAP water will be available. Talk with the people at the existing mines near Green Valley about using CAP water, they have been trying to figure out how to make that economical for some time.

Environment and Eco-tourism: An open pit mining operation in the pristine and unspoiled Santa Rita Mountains and the Coronado Forest will disturb wild life and the internationally famous Sky Island bio-diversity. The blasting and truck traffic would likely result in loss of many of the plants, animals and birds that attract thousands of tourists to the area every year. The estimated one Billion dollar clean eco-tourism industry would be seriously impacted. The amount of employment dollars from the mining operation is insignificant compared with the potential loss of the eco-tourists. The noise pollution, toxic effects from tailings will do irreparable damage to the scenic landscapes, viewsheds and serenity of Madera Canyon and the forest.

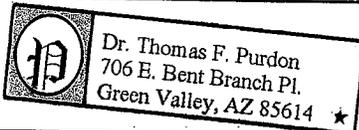
Why would any reasonable person think that a foreign company with no track record in mining in the US should be allowed to use potable drinking water to run a mining operation for twenty years that will damage our pristine, but fragile eco-system, take most of the product and the profits to another country and walk away twenty years later leaving a large hole in the ground and potentially toxic poisons throughout the area. It is insane and must be stopped. The Santa Rita range, the grasslands and the bajada are unique in all of the Southwest and must be preserved and protected for generations to come to enjoy in the future.

NAME:

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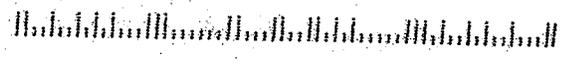


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NAME: KATHRYN PURDON

EMAIL: kmpurdon@cox.net

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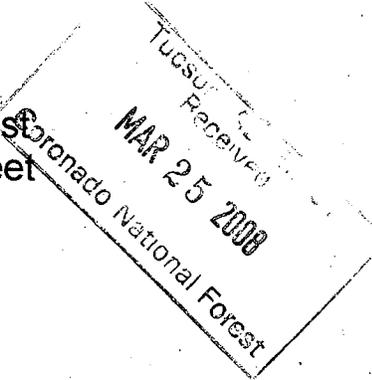
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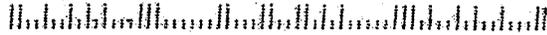


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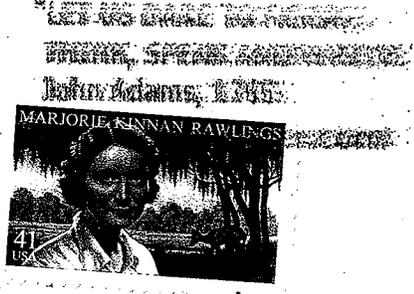
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NAME: Debbie Friesen
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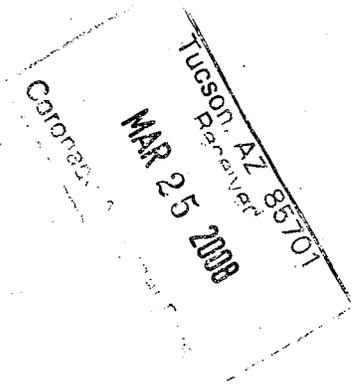
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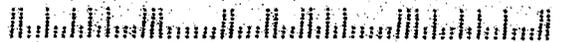


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2. Trade off of CAP water? Give us a break.

3. Rosemont should pay for an hydraulic study for environmental impact

4. Rosemont put together those skewed, inaccurate maps & graphs at "your" meeting

5. We want accountability less arrogance on the part of Rosemont mine officials

6. Give us some stanger's email address so we can express our displeasure

7. Destroying the beauty the jewel of the Santa Rita's

NAME: Mary Pulkrabek
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ADDRESS: 1931 W via del Pulpo
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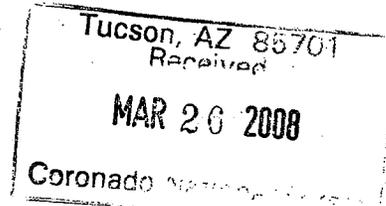
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I object to the use of federal land which Rosemont needs to extract natural resources. The most important is water - Lowering the water table will hurt everyone in the Santa Cruz water shed. Not only am I concerned about water, but also traffic and air pollution. I have first hand experience of dust pollution from the Phil Dodge mine in Green Valley.

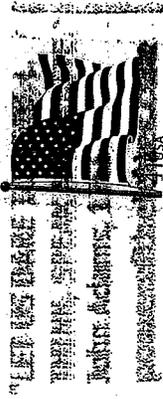
NAME: Barb Borgwardt

EMAIL: bborgwardt@cox.net

ADDRESS:

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IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT THE WATERTABLE IN THE GREEN VALLEY REGION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHING WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.

THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS CRITICAL LOSE OF WATER IS THE AMOUNT OF WATER DEMANDED FOR THE CURRENT MINING OPERATIONS IN THE AREA.

ROSEMONT COPPER MINES ESTIMATES THEY WILL INITIALLY USE BETWEEN 5,000 TO 8,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER PER YEAR. IT IS THE ACCEPTED STANDARD TO CALCULATE THAT 1 ACRE FOOT ANNUALLY PROVIDES ENOUGH WATER FOR TWO FAMILIES OF FOUR.

THIS MEANS THAT ROSEMONT COPPER MINES WOULD ANNUALLY REQUIRE A WATER SUPPLY THAT COULD SUPPORT 10,000 TO 16,000 FAMILIES OR 40,000 TO 64,000 INDIVIDUALS FOR ONE YEAR.

THEREFORE:

ROSEMONT COPPER MINES MUST BE PROHIBITED FROM OPERATING WITHOUT FIRST GRANTING A FAIL/SAFE GUARANTEE THEIR OPERATIONS WILL NOT FURTHER DIMINISH THE WATER TABLE.

IF SUCH STRINGENT, YET PRUDENT STANDARDS ARE NOT SET, GREEN VALLEY IS DESTINED TO BECOME A GHOST TOWN AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA A WASTELAND OF MINE TAILINGS.

NAME: KENNETH V. SKRIVANEK

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: 1031 VUELTA DEL YABA
GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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Do you forest people care about your own environment? you live here too?

Wildlife + the natural beauty of the area will be destroyed forever + they will pay only a tiny pittance to rape our land.

NAME: Courtney Pulkrabek
EMAIL:
ADDRESS: 1931 w via del Pulpo
Green Valley, AZ

Do you care?

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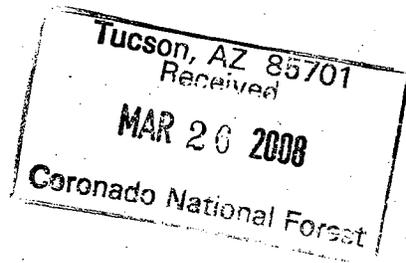
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Water issues concern me a great deal - both quantity + quality. I don't believe corporate offices really are that much concerned about the effects their operations have on each person. We cannot allow 100 yr. old laws + covenants dictate policy today.

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EMAIL: cekstrom@cox.net

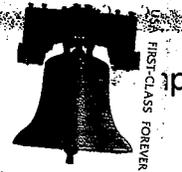
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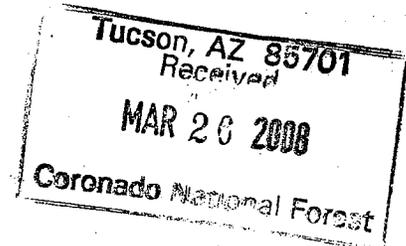
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3) Air quality, recreation, property values, TRAFFIC, scenic views AND noise would ALL be negatively impacted.

Any mining in the SANTA RITAS is simply NOT A good Idea.

Thanks For you time

NAME: Dale Tenpenny

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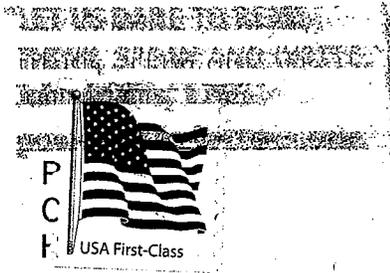
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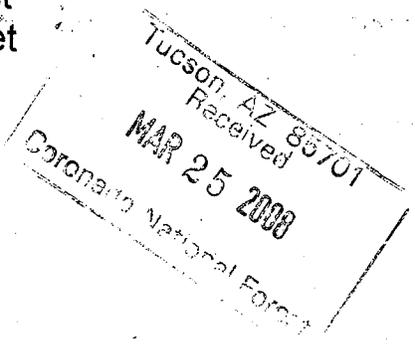
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Thank You,

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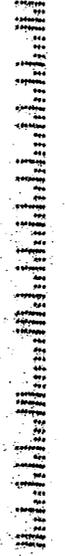
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My Comments as requested by the U.S. Forest Service for the proposed
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WHY IS THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE DOING THIS?

- ✓ Why do growing communities with limited water resources need an operating open pit mine in their midst?
- ✓ Why would you promote an open-pit mining operation on a scenic highway, and in particular, Scenic Route 83?
- ✓ Why would you promote an open pit mine operation that will involve movement of heavy trucks to and from the mining area on a route that is already listed in the "Arizona 2007 Five Percent Report" as one of the most "hazardous locations in the state of Arizona." The Arizona Department of Transportation describes the location as follows:

SR 83 is a fairly curvilinear route, which winds its way through some of the most scenic, high-country vistas throughout the entire southern Arizona, Coronado National Forest region. Nevertheless, this particular highway segment also ranks first among roadway locations experiencing motorcycle-related collisions, and eighth highest for run-off-road accidents in the State of Arizona (2005).

The segment referred to their report is that portion of the roadway around mile marker 44; I understand Augusta's proposed new access road onto Route 83 is between mile markers 46 and 47.

- ✓ Why are you spending tax payer money to conduct these "dog and pony" shows like the one on March 20th in Patagonia. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) does not prohibit licensing and permits to Augusta; it merely requires that the impacts are understood and disclosed to the public. Were you using this pretense of a meeting to check this item off your list? Have you now made the required public disclosures? Will you use the sign-in sheets that we were asked to sign outside the school building, before we were allowed to enter, as your evidence of public disclosure?
- ✓ Why do you conduct your meetings with armed security guards from the Forest Service? This was my first time to attend such a meeting and I felt intimidated by the presence of your security. I did not go home that evening with a positive attitude about the conduct of the Forest Service staff members. How much did this cost the tax payers and why did you do it? We gathered at our local high school on March 20th to hear comments from the U.S. Forest Service and Augusta Resource and to communicate our comments to them. Instead of providing speakers, you gave us a green comment form and stated that you only wanted to collect written comments (even though the 3/13/2008 notice of meetings in the Federal Register state that "[w]ritten and oral comments may...be submitted during open houses that will be held by the Forest Services"). It was a very odd experience. We probably did not need to go to the high school on the Thursday evening before Good Friday (the beginning of a long holiday weekend) to be given a copy of this form. Most of us have computer access and we can print the form from our

homes or library. You spent a lot of time and tax payer money to come here to distribute a form and the local citizens who turned out in good number spent a lot of their valuable time and money burning expensive gasoline to come to the high school to retrieve the form. I can assure you that many of us would not have attended if we had known that your purpose was to have us sit down and write out comments on half a page of paper and then simply hand them in to you and leave. When we asked for a verbal exchange, you abandoned us (simply packed up and left without comment) at 6:30 PM.

According to the announcement in the paper, the event should have been conducted between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. The people who arrived after your 6:30 departure were bewildered that you were not there. It was inexplicable and strange and really quite rude. Since it was my first meeting with the Forest Service, I am wondering if all of the offices around the country conduct their meetings in this manner or if it is just the one in our area. I am curious to know how often you travel with a security detail to a meeting of this type.

- ✓ Why is the forest service not discussing and apparently not considering the negative issues associated with this operation? I did not see handouts at your March 20th "meeting" in Patagonia that addressed the negative impacts on our communities nor any suggestion that you intend to consider them. Did I miss something? Are you acting in the best interest of the public and especially regarding health issues? We have good friends and neighbors with serious lung problems and I am afraid that the open pit mine that you are advocating and moving to approve will cause more damage.

The *New England Journal of Medicine* published an article by Dr. Jonathan Samet and others, "Fine Particulate Air Pollution and Mortality in 20 U.S. Cities 1987-1994." This study found an undeniable link between fine particulate pollution, PM-2.5, and the death rate. It's a linear relationship: as fine particulate pollution goes up, no matter where the city, deaths from cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses go up—and in direct proportion.

*Particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) is comprised of solid particles or liquid droplets tiny enough to remain suspended or floating in the air for up to weeks at a time. Of greatest concern to the public health are the particles small enough to be inhaled into the deepest parts of the lung. These particles are less than 10 microns in diameter—about 1/7th the thickness of a human hair—and are known as PM10. This includes fine particulate matter known as PM2.5. PM2.5 has a specific range of particles 2.5 micrometers or less. PM10 is a major component of air pollution that threatens both our health and our environment. General PM composition can include everything from fine dust to carbon (soot), and can be microscopic or visible to the naked eye. Particulate matter is generated from a variety of sources including traffic on paved and unpaved roads, combustion, and **earth-moving activity such as mining, farming and construction.** Pima County Department of Environmental Quality "Air Info Now" (emphasis added)*

Jones, of the Lung Association, said asthma is the number one reason children miss school and that one-fourth of Arizona's 320,000 asthmatics are children. Pima County is number three in the state for illness and death due to asthma, trailing only Yuma and Maricopa counties, she said. "It's just not about death,

but about quality of life issues and *premature death*," Jones said. "It's hard for us to measure those sorts of issues." 5/10/2001 Tucson Weekly

The Executive Summary prepared by Westland Resource Corporation in Tucson on July 11, 2007 for the Augusta Resource Corporation only gives four and a half lines in a nine page document to Air Quality. And these few words relate only to the type of permit application that they will need to make. In Augusta Resource's F-40 (Annual Report for a foreign company) filed March 4, 2008, they state there may be problems and that they cannot even obtain insurance against all of the risks associated with this proposed mining operation:

Our insurance will not cover all the potential risks associated with a mining company's operations. We may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums....Moreover, insurance against risks such as environmental pollution or other hazards as a result of exploration and production is not generally available to us or to other companies in the mining industry on acceptable terms. We might also become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards which may not insure against or which we may elect not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons.

Has the U.S. Forest Service addressed these issues and advised the citizens who will be living nearby and the tourists on bicycles who will be breathing in this additional pollution in the air? Apparently, Augusta felt the need to address the facts to their stock holders. It sounds like legal speak for potential law suits but isn't the Forest Department concerned about these matters?

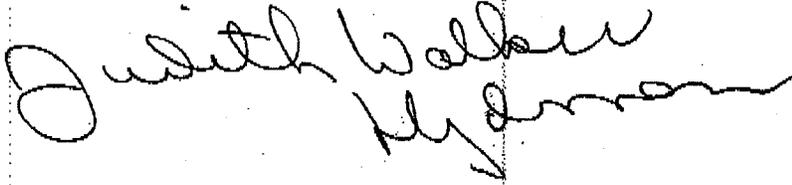
- ✓ Why are you promoting a company with no mining experience? I understand that Augusta Resource will be able to make money if they are able to sell the securities at an inflated price and they will really score if they are able to secure the required permits. But why do you believe this inexperienced company, like others before it, will not be bankrupt before it finishes raping the Rosemont mine of its residual resources? In 1996, the GAO reported that there was no credible inventory of abandoned mines and that total cleanup costs are unknown but estimated at \$4.7 billion in the national forests alone. In 1997, the EPA reported critical gaps in bond programs covering cleanup of bankrupt or abandoned mines. According to Augusta Resource's 40-F that was filed on March 4, 2008, they have no revenue from operations and do not expect to generate any in the foreseeable future. They foresee a need of an additional \$17 million to their available cash by mid-2008 but do not state a plan for generating these funds. Previously, this company has generated operating revenue from sale of stock. They state:

None of our properties are in commercial production, and we have never recorded any revenues from mining operations. . . .We may not generate any revenues or achieve profitability. Another disclaimer, so that if the possible closing of the mine occurs without cleanup, etc., Augusta Resources' lawyers will simply be able to say that the public was advised.

- ✓ Why? I have so many more questions. Can't we have an intelligent meeting? The U.S. Forest Service must have concerns about this open-pit mining operation on Scenic Highway 43 and I would like to hear your concerns because I believe that one of your duties is to protect us and our environment.

I know that on your form you state that you would also like to hear about any opportunities that this operation would bring to our community. I'm sorry, but I really can't think of a thing.

Judith Walker Hydeman
Concerned Citizen
P. O. Box 623
Sonoita, AZ 85637

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith Walker Hydeman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

March 22, 2008

Sent via fax to 520/388-8305 on 4/1/2008



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COMMENT:

I am concerned about the displacement of wild life in the mine area

I am concerned about chemical spills, and dangerous chemicals being transported on Hwy 83 and potential of poisoning wild life because of spills

I am concerned about the noise from blasting 24 hours a day

NAME: Alberta Medina

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Sonoita, AZ 85637

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I am concerned about using unpatented land for waste (tailings) and building

I am concerned about the additional traffic and highway deterioration on Hwy 83

I am concerned about the lighting required to keep the mine going all night - how it will affect the quality of our night skies

NAME: Alberta Medina

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COMMENT:

I am concerned about the use of ground water

I am also concerned about possible/probable contamination of ground water

I am concerned about how this project will affect the Los Cienegas watershed

NAME: Alberta Medina

EMAIL: alberta@alberta.medina.com

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 125 Sonora, AZ 85637

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COMMENT: I am concerned about the profitability of this project considering the great loss to our environment

I am wondering if this is a prudent investment for the State of Arizona / USA. since the company is foreign - all profit will go out of USA

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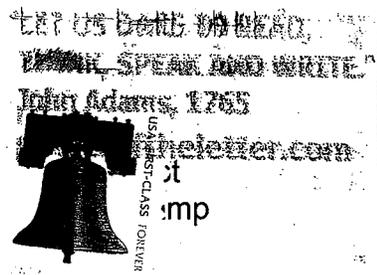
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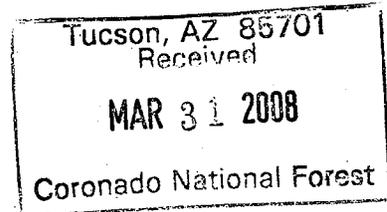
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COMMENT: There are some of the threats I see to our way of life if the Rosemont mine is allowed to use National Forest land.

- 1. Water: The water table which supplies Green Valley is already dropping each year. Future generations may not be able to live here because of the mine's huge consumption of water.
2. Habitat: much of the wildlife that now lives in the Rosemont area will disappear & the eco-tourism which brings in money, will also be lost.
3. Degrading of scenery: many of us moved here because we love to hike and enjoy this incredibly beautiful area. Once mining tailings cover the land it will all disappear & future generations will only read about what was once enjoyed by so many of us.
4. Scenic Highway 83: Road widening and straightening will be necessary to accommodate the very large & noisy trucks associated with mining.

For a short term economic benefit for a limited number of people a treasure will be lost forever. No reclamation plan can bring back the beauty of this very special area. There can be no going back - once it's gone, it's gone forever.

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ADDRESS: 825 S. Los Rubies

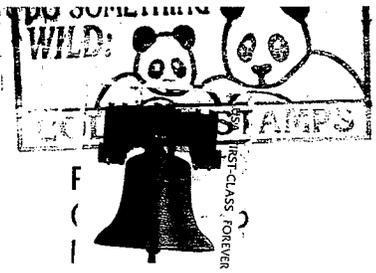
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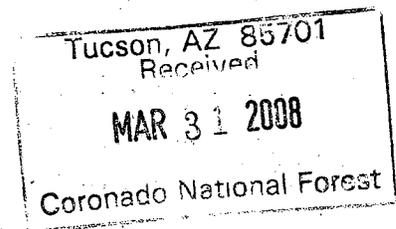


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COMMENT:

Dept. of Ag should not be pushing for more mines in Green Valley area and/or Arizona

Pit mines are ugly and ruin the mountain views

This mining process will waste large amounts of water and should be prohibited

NAME: Jerry LeTendre

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 4863 S. View Ridge Dr. Green Valley, AZ 85614

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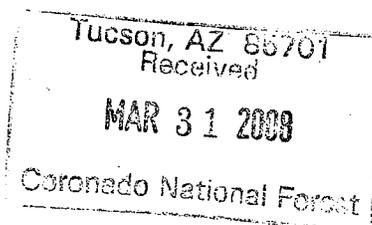


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If water is piped over from Green Valley, there's another large area that will be destroyed or damaged, and scarred visibly from the Tucson area.

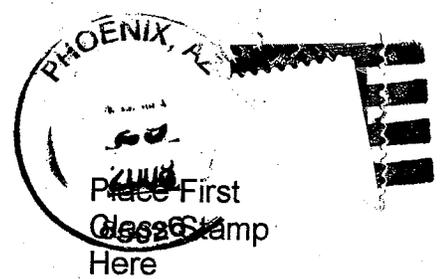
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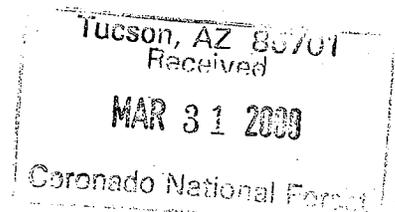
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COMMENT:

- The Copper mine should not happen
- ① Southern Arizona has a severe water shortage -
- ② There is too much dirt here now causing Valley Fever.
- ③ There are enough eye sores here now with the existing mines!

NAME: Sarah S. Freeman

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 991 W. Cam. Velazquez
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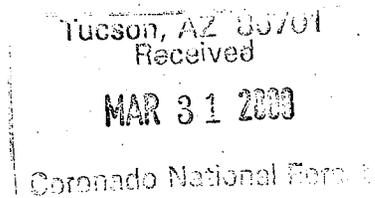
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- Be specific so the reviewer clearly understands your concerns.
 - Statements such as "I am concerned about the amount of additional traffic this will cause" are useful in generating issues that can be analyzed.
 - Statements such as "Don't do this" or "I like this" are not useful in generating issues that can be analyzed.
- The better you understand the proposal, the more focused and site-specific your comments will be.
- Your comments must be realistic and feasible.
- Remember, this is the time to identify concerns AND opportunities.

The public comment period is the beginning of the EIS process and represents the foundation of the analysis. Your comments are an important input to the analysis of the social and natural environment.

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Team leader, Rosemont Copper Project,

I am writing you today to do everything in your power to secure the future scenic beauty and the water aquifer of the Santa Rita Mountains. The open pit mine proposed for the Rosemont area is a huge threat to the quality of life in this area.

I'm an avid hiker and have hiked many of the trails on both the east and west sides of the Santa Ritas. It's the best part of my week to experience a hike in this area. The biodiversity of the animals, plants, reptiles is what makes it so special. Also the physical beauty of the mountains and surrounding areas make it a truly memorable place. People come from all over the U.S. to visit here because of the beauty of the Santa Rita Mountains. While Augusta would bring some jobs to the area, it would be at the expense of driving away the local tourist economy.

The trucks traveling on local roads & highways will cause air and noise pollution. To say nothing of the devastation of the scenic landscape and views. Allowing the mine to go in will eliminate hiking, biking and other

forms of recreation from happening in this area.

Another major concern is the change in the quality of the water. The EPA reports that 40± million pounds of toxins were used in Arizona mining in '05. A fraction of this amount going into our groundwater couldn't be safe for people. Green Valley and Suakarita are rapidly growing areas that need good quality water. Leaching pollutants into groundwater that ends up in our taps is a bad idea.

Also, the 1872 hardrock mining law is unfair to all US citizens. It allows public land to be sold to private interests for 1872 prices! (2.50-\$5. per acre). As a taxpayer, I'm very against this.

Please help us with these efforts for all who live in and enjoy coming to this beautiful place. Keep me in the loop by advising me by email on developments concerning this issue.

Thankyou,

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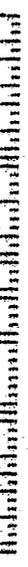
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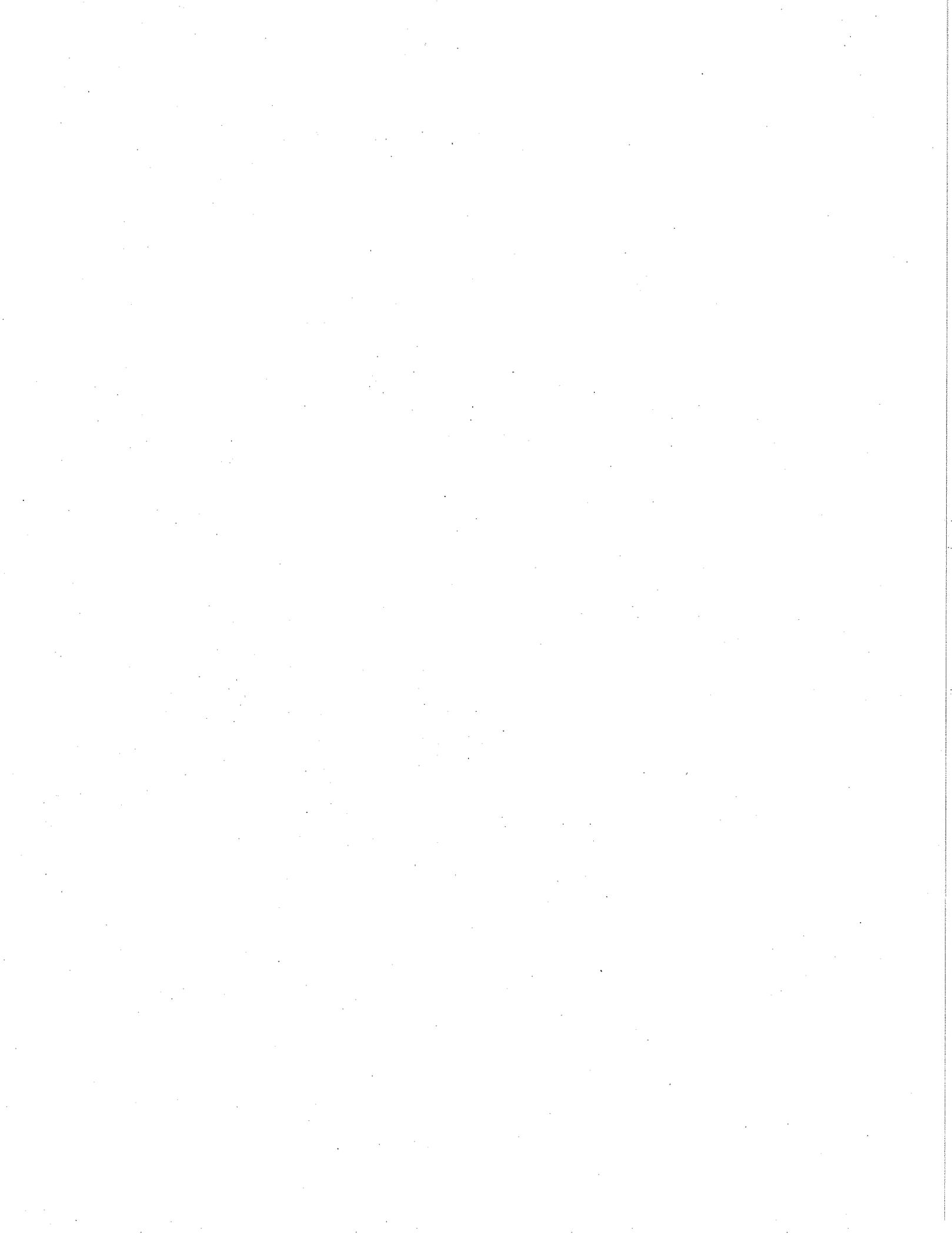
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Anne: Firm's strategy may backfire

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de for at least two years. "They fighting led so they could get our damn signatures on that list," Aguilar said. Supervisor Ray Carroll, the most vocal opponent of Rosemont, is disgusted. Rosemont took advantage of people who are struggling to make it in a tough economy and thought it would get away with treating them like they are so dumb that they wouldn't sign the green public comment sheets indicating their support for Rosemont and return to the waiting buses.

He said at least one person wearing a Rosemont button had the impression that signing the green sheets was required to get on a job list.

Rascon said Rosemont's tactics reminded him of Mexican political parties combing the countryside and offering hats and blankets to poor farmers to show up at political rallies. "The mine 'supporters' he spoke to knew little about Rosemont, but clearly 'were there with the dream of getting one of these jobs.'"

The ones that don't exist. Rascon, who said he had been a silent opponent of the mine, was so angry he approached Jamie Sturgess, Rosemont's vice president of sustainable development, to give him a message.

"As of tonight, you've lit me up, you've transformed me," he said.

He wasn't alone. Aguilar and Hill stayed to learn more and didn't like what they heard about the proposed mine's possible impact on water supplies and the environment. "As soon as we found out what was going on, we were taking off our buttons," Aguilar said.

On March 19, Sturgess apologized for the confusion in a written statement but defended Rosemont's "community outreach" efforts.

Jan Howard, a spokeswoman with Strongpoint, Rosemont's public relations group, said in a phone interview Wednesday that dinner was offered because the meeting was at the dinner hour and asked what Rosemont said organizers "show of force." Rascon said. "It was quite an impressive there were at least 100 people. Hispanic, he said. He estimated with them, and predominantly people who brought their children mostly young, including young off the buses. They were said he noticed the people comment who attended the hearing, Juan Rascon, a mine opponent who attended the hearing, he said.

"I just wanted a job, a good job, to take care of my family," Rascon said.

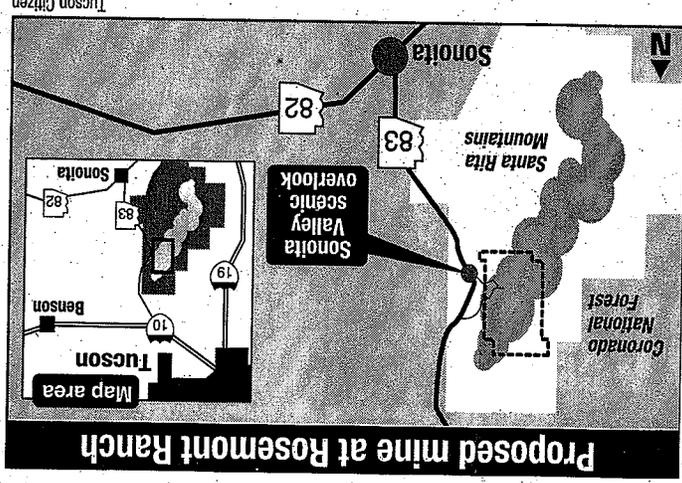
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was wrong with providing rides to people. She said Rosemont brought in no more than a couple of dozen supporters. And, she said, Rosemont's intent was to inform people of the potential benefits of the mine, not to mislead people about jobs.

"Sometimes people hear what they want to hear," she said.

Really? Aguilar gave me two informational sheets left with her by the Rosemont rep. One, to be fair, described the environmental impact statement process.

The other - the attention grabber - looked like what you pick up at a job fair. The "Rosemont Copper Career Opportunities" sheet talked about its plans to employ 500 people. The paper detailed the types and numbers of jobs that will be available. It promised a generous benefits package and noted that experienced workers in Arizona's copper industry earn an average of \$59,000 a year.

Rosemont, along with its parent company, Canadian-based Augusta Resource Corp, has made lots of promises to southern Arizona, all of which boil down to a pledge to be a good corporate citizen.

To put it bluntly, this cheap attempt to corrupt the public hearing process reflects poorly on the ethics and corporate character of Rosemont. And it earned it at least two new opponents.

Before Aguilar and Hill left the March 18 hearing, they made a point of signing a petition against the mine.

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Stunt pulled by mining firm just shameless

The woman from Rosemont Copper who appeared at the door of the South Side apartment shared by Olivia Aguilar and Willie Hill about two weeks ago must have seemed like the answer to a prayer.

She wasn't there to sell them anything, she promised. She wanted to talk to the two, both of whom happen to be recently unemployed, about high-paying jobs for Tucsonans. All they had to do was be treated to dinner by Rosemont and attend a meeting. If they didn't have a ride, the company would provide one.

Aguilar, 25, and Hill, 31, were excited but completely unaware that they were about to be part of a shameless stunt by Rosemont to pack a March 18 public hearing in Tucson with shuttled-in, sham supporters of its plans to mine the Santa Rita Mountains.

Before the hearing held by the U.S. Forest Service as part of an environmental impact statement on the proposed copper mine, Rosemont representatives went knocking on doors at various locations, including the sprawling apartment complex on South Campbell Avenue near the airport.

The "community outreach team," as Rosemont calls it, was rounding up "supporters" to appear on the company's behalf.

The pitch was less than straightforward. Aguilar and Hill, who are raising four children and paid this month's rent with tax refund money, said they thought they were being recruited for mine jobs. They didn't know there are no jobs now and won't

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Dear Team Leader:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Southern Arizona. I am opposed to further mining in the Santa Rita Mountains because it will have a negative effect on the environment and the lives of all that live in this part of the country. Not only will the proposed Rosemont Mine devastate the landscape, cause various types of pollution and harm wildlife habitats, it will hinder recreation in the beautiful and scenic Santa Rita Mountains.

I urge you to do all you can to prevent further destruction of the Southern Arizona landscape. Let your opposition to mining serve as an example and let it encourage mining companies to seek alternatives that are less devastating than tearing up the Earth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie M. Gayne

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RE: Why Oppose The Rosemont Mine

1. "Priceless" is the value of the beauty of that area close to Tucson, 1,000,000 residents
2. "Priceless" is the value of the ^{high quality} water they will consume, needed for the residents of the area.
3. Pick any ~~of~~ or all of the reasons listed on the attached sheet.
4. Please save this beauty and its water for our future generations.

Thank you -

Phil Betzel, resident

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Phone 520-777-8657

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From: Bob Porterfield [bobpvpi@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2008 5:51 PM
To: Phil Betzel
Subject: [SPAM] Hiking Club - Rosemont Mine
MSK: [SPAM]



PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RESPOND TO THE FOREST SERVICE AS YOU WISH. MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT THE LOCAL FOREST SERVICE MEETINGS HAVE NOT BEEN A FORUM FOR MUTUAL DISCUSSION WITH THE CITIZENS OF THE AREA. SO, WE MUST TAKE THE EXTRA STEP TO LET THEM KNOW HOW WE FEEL ABOUT THE ROSEMONT MINING PROJECT.

THANK YOU,
BOB PORTERFIELD

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW TO STOP AUGUSTA RESOURCE CORPORATION FROM DEVASTATING OUR SCENIC SANTA RITAS WITH AN OPEN PIT COPPER MINE!!!

Please mail, fax or email your written concerns. Deadline for written comments is April 18. Please voice your concerns!!

Email: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us

Fax: 388-8305, ATTN: Rosemont Team Leader

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WHY OPPOSE THE ROSEMONT MINE?

The Rosemont Copper Project would be located 30 miles southeast of Tucson, in Pima County, on approximately 995 acres of private land; 3,670 acres of National Forest land; 15 acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and 75 acres of State Trust land.

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The EPA reports that in 2005, metal or hard rock mining in Arizona released over 39.4 million pounds of toxins.

Pima County commissioned and submitted a Hydro Geological Study to the Coronado that raised the threat of surrounding groundwater and surface water depletion from pumping out an open pit copper mine, as well as potential leaching of pollutants into groundwater.

With the outdated 1872 Mining Law still in place, an estimated 230,000 acres of public land in Arizona have already been sold to private interests for \$2.50 or \$5.00 per acre.

The Sky Islands of the Coronado National Forest are a globally recognized biodiversity hotspot.

The Santa Rita Mountains and surrounding desert and grassland seas are globally recognized for the diversity of birds, reptiles, amphibians, bees and plants.

Augusta has no track record in mining and the mining industry has a dismal environmental record.

Increased truck traffic (600-700 per week). Trucks will be traveling every ten to fifteen minutes, 24/7 on local roads and highways.

Augusta wants to fill in Barrel, Wasp, McCleary, and Scholefield Canyons, yet claims no impact to the Cienega Creek watershed.

Of the 117 million dollars Augusta claims in community commitments, 67 million dollars of that is actually just costs associated with the business of mining.

Augusta claims 350 jobs, but mining jobs are transitory as part of the mining bust and boom cycle. In reality, the mine will recreate opportunities and the jobs that depend on them will be lost forever.

Negative impact on the local tourism based economy

Noise pollution, air pollution and water contamination

Destruction of wildlife habitat, wildlife movement corridors, native plants and ecosystems

Elimination or restriction of biking, hiking, hunting, camping, and bird watching

Irreparable devastation of the scenic landscapes and view sheds.

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE GO TO: www.scenicsantaritas.org

Thanks,

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