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March 29, 2008

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Mr./Ms. Team Leader:

Since our opportunity to make verbal comments at the recent Patagonia High School meeting was interrupted by the Forest Service's abrupt departure, I here present my comments in writing. First, my congratulations and thanks for the magnificent Forest lands you maintain/protect for us, and for all the work you have so far done on this very controversial proposal; I think the level of public concern was made quite clear at the Patagonia Union High School last Thursday night. My apologies for the fact that the Forest Service felt so threatened, I presume, that they hastily departed without a presentation or a dialog of any kind. That does, however, sharply illustrate the depth of concern among local citizens. Now, my comments:

1. **Slowly, slowly.** This whole permitting process is being undertaken much too hastily; a project of this magnitude, in an area so important to our tourism-based economy, and which engenders this much public angst, deserves to be far more carefully considered than seems to have been done so far. There is surely no good reason to accelerate an environmental disaster. Rosemont will already recover its entire investment in less than three years. Please give the public more notice of upcoming hearings, if more there are to be, and please publish the format and agenda sufficiently in advance so as to give interested persons the time to rearrange their busy schedules and prepare for their meaningful participation. The issues are complex, and they deserve your, and our, careful consideration if we are to preserve for later generations the beautiful Forest which you have worked so hard to protect. Please extend the comment period for at least an additional 30-60 days, and please schedule additional hearings in both Vail and Sonoita, both of which areas will be very heavily impacted if this Project proceeds. Please include, as cooperating agencies in the EIS process, at least Pima County, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and the Arizona State Office of Historical Preservation. These agencies/organizations are important stakeholders. In particular, in regard to the latter agency's participation, I'm sure I need not remind you that the area where this huge open pit mine is to be constructed is the very site where some of this great country's first Westerns were filmed.

2. Make No Revision To The Forest Plan. The 1872 General Mining Act does not require the Forest Service to revise its Forest Plan, and there is no good reason for you to do so, simply to accommodate this, or any other, mine. If Rosemont's Mining Plan (Plan) cannot meet the Forest Plan's current standards and requirements, then you must deny their Plan.

3. Why Not Underground Mining? I urge the Forest Service to seriously consider requiring Rosemont to recover this copper using the much-less-environmentally-intrusive underground cut and fill method, rather than an open pit mine, or its underground cousin, block caving. Of course, that might be more hazardous to the miners, more expensive, and take more time, but the advantages outlined below clearly outweigh the disadvantages. A little ground subsidence just east of the Santa Ritas would be much preferable to an ugly open pit a mile by a mile. With copper at \$4.00/ pound, and a three-year payout, a little additional expense is not a big factor in Rosemont's Plan. As one of my ex-mining engineer neighbors and friends recently said: "there is a time and a place for a mine, and **this is neither the time, nor the place for an open pit mine.**" Rosemont's proposed open pit mine, its mill, ancillary facilities, and all its berms and rock storage areas are just below a cirque (a deep, steep-walled basin on a mountain, shaped like half a bowl) in the Santa Ritas, and when the area experiences another 1,000-year rainfall, the whole thing will end up on the other (east) side of Scenic Highway 83, with disastrous impact on the environment for tens of miles downstream. Millions of tons of sulfuric acid-soaked rock, millions of gallons of heavy metal-laden pit water, up to 20 tons of blasting caps and ANFO (ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, the same explosive that flattened the Oklahoma City Courthouse some years ago), plus 10,000 gallons each of both diesel fuel and gasoline, not to mention the large quantities of other hazardous reagents which are to be stored on site will all be carried east across Route 83, from where that very hazardous cocktail will enter the federally- protected Cienega watershed. The extra time required for underground mining could be put to very good use:

- a. it would allow our community, and the miners, time to accommodate each other, instead of, as Rosemont's Plan foresees, simply dumping 500 + new hires into an historically ranching, and now increasingly retiree, small community which is ill-prepared for a boom. This is critical for the long-term health and sustained growth of our community. As noted by Ray Rasker, an economist and Director of Headwaters Economics, "Mining today is at a much faster pace and a much larger scale. As a result, there is not a long-term investment in the communities, so you don't get the stately architecture and distinctive culture of the Superiors, Buttes, Bisbees, Leadvilles, and Silvertons." The Forest Service has an historic opportunity to change that for Sonoita.
- b. It would allow time for the now record-high price of copper, and the Colorado River water flows, to stabilize, if indeed they do, so that all can be more assured of this mine's future. The last thing this state needs, now that

relatively non-polluting tourism/winter visitor income has become so important to our economy, is another ghost town and ugly abandoned pit mine, which is a good possibility if copper prices crash, as many expect, and/or Colorado River Basin snowfalls keep dropping, as some predict. If this mine loses its much-ballyhooed aquifer recharge capability because the Colorado either runs dry, or just has to be again reallocated, Sahaurita-area water wells will fall even lower than they already have, even before Rosemont starts production. Once it recovers its investment, Rosemont has no incentive to hang around for the end game. It is, after all, a part of a profit-incentivized Canadian enterprise, and I'm sure I need not remind you that Canadian mining firms have been responsible for some of this great nation's worst environmental disasters. Even more frightening, this one has absolutely no mining experience.

- c. The extra time would allow for the flattening of the very aggressive construction/operation manpower curves and truck traffic loads on an ancient two-lane, twisting, mountain highway (Scenic State Highway 83), which even now sees a tremendous amount of wide-load traffic.
- d. It would allow time for our local fire department, Sonoita-Elgin Emergency Services, Inc. (SEESI) to train for the particular hazards inherent in, and to acquire the specialized equipment necessary for, dealing with large tanker trucks carrying highly-concentrated sulfuric acid, and other hazardous materials, along a narrow, winding, two-lane mountain road, already in poor condition, which also sees school bus traffic twice daily.

4. **Switch the Primary and Secondary Access Routes.** Rosemont's Plan calls for its primary access route to be a newly-built gravel road headed east from Route 83, with a secondary access road coming from the west through the Sahuarita area. In view of the already poor condition of Route 83, and the very high potential for conflict between school busses, sulfuric acid trucks, and wide loads on a narrow, twisting, mountain road, it seems much more reasonable, safe, and certainly less intrusive on valuable Forest land, for the Forest Service to require Rosemont to simply switch the primary and secondary access routes in its Plan. The new access road coming from Route 83 would not need to be nearly as wide if it were only a secondary access route, thus saving Forest land, and the very heavy and hazardous mine traffic flows could be routed south and northbound along I-19, instead of Route 83. The existing road from the west would need improvement, but, again, I emphasize, Rosemont already recovers all its investment in less than three years, and a little additional road-grading expense is nothing compared to the terrible suffering engendered by a school bus-acid truck collision along Route 83 (and please don't make the mistake of thinking that's not going to happen.).

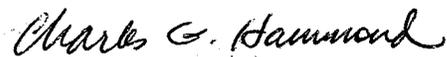
5. **Too Much Mill, Waste Storage, and Ancillary Facilities Surface Area?**

According to my reading of Section 15 of the 1872 General Mining Act, under which this mine will be opened, if indeed it is, Rosemont is entitled to use only 5 (five) acres of our

Forest land which is not adjacent to the "vein or lode" for its mining, mill, waste rock storage, and ancillary facilities, and that land must have been patented in similar fashion to the "vein or lode." Rosemont's own Plan claims it will "disturb" about 4,000 acres. Please carefully verify that the locations and surface area to be used for mining are fully in compliance with Section 15. My research has disclosed no amendments to Section 15 regarding this important requirement.

I thank you for the opportunity to make clear my views, and I would be more than happy to amplify or clarify any of the points herein made, if necessary. You may contact me at (520) 455-5157; land line, (520) 216-0193; cell phone, or best, at jan_ham@msn.com.

Cordially,

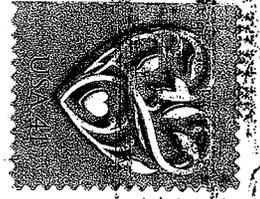
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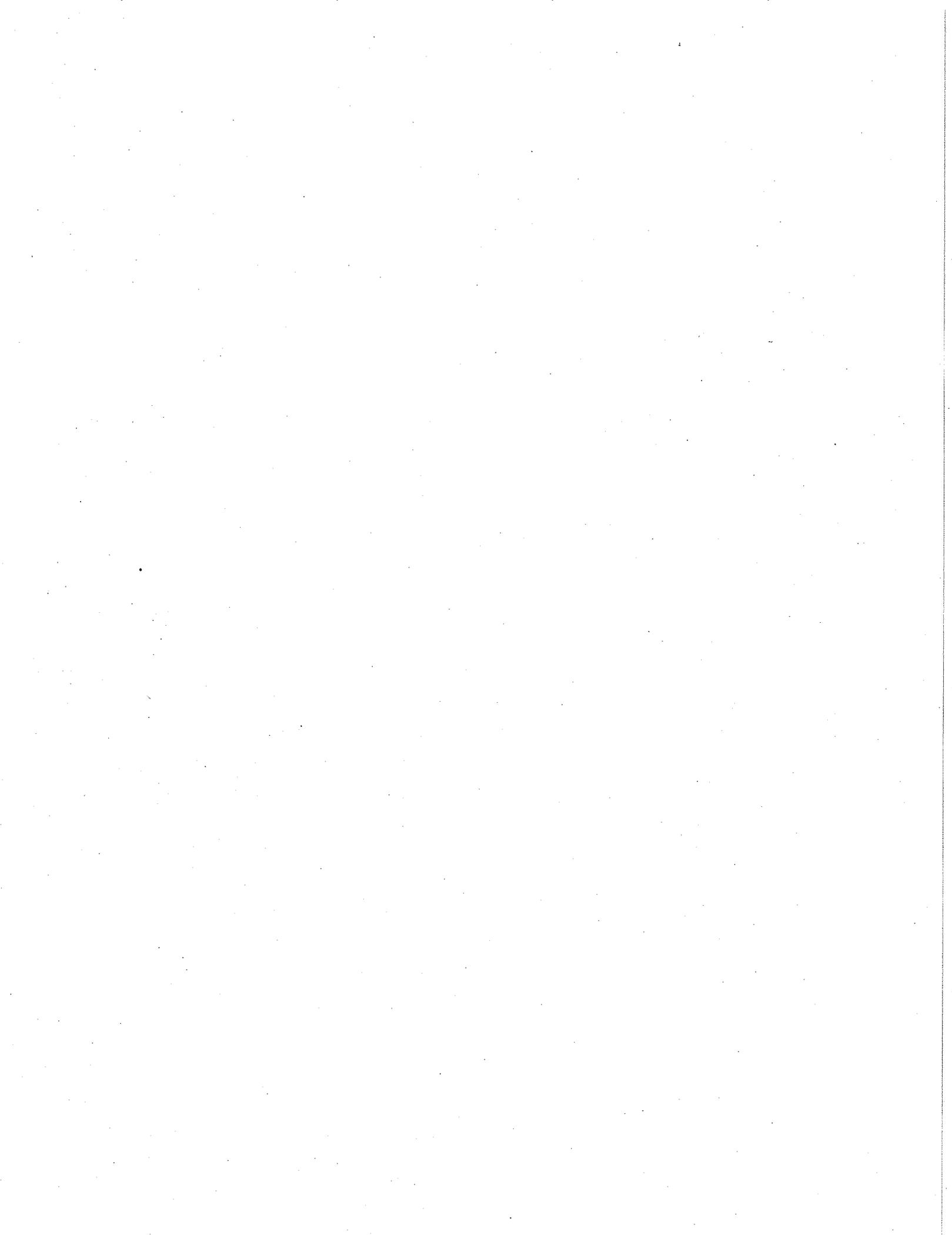
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RE: Rosemont + other proposed mining
YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT!

PUBLIC COMMENTS
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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If you would like to make a comment or be added to our mailing list, please fill-out this form and hand it to any of our staff or mail it to the address provided. You are also welcome to write a letter or send e-mail to: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us. Thank you!

COMMENT:

We have great concern about the long-term effect of mining on the water table + environmental impact on that water as well as the irrefutable negative impact on plant and animal life - both short and long term - human and non-human. Mining is not compatible with one of the most pristine, scenic, ^{natural} and popular areas of the southwest. Due diligence by the forest service will, most certainly, prove the point!

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Thank you
for your effort
on behalf of
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PLEASE ADD ME TO THE MAILING LIST (circle one): YES NO

Please be advised that comments and personal information associated with them, such as names and addresses, become part of the Administrative Record for this NEPA review. As such, they may be made available to a third-party upon request under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Personally identifying information is protected by the Privacy Act. If you do not wish for your personal information to be released under the FOIA, you may choose not to include it with your comments. Alternatively, you may request an exemption from FOIA with your comment submittal. Should you choose the latter, you would be informed by the Forest Service as to whether or not your request qualifies for an exemption. If it does not, you would be afforded the opportunity to resubmit your comments without personal information or to withhold them altogether.

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Attn: Beverly Everson

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How to Comment Effectively

To be effective, comments should be specific and factual. Remember, the purpose of this scoping is to identify significant issues related to the proposed operation, and issues to be considered in the Environmental Impact Process (EIS).

The format for commenting is up to you to choose. Comment forms are available, but not required. Send comments by mail, email, or hand-deliver to the Forest Service before the public scoping period ends on April 18, 2008.

Below are several tips for making effective comments.

- Be brief so the reviewer won't miss the point of your comment.
- 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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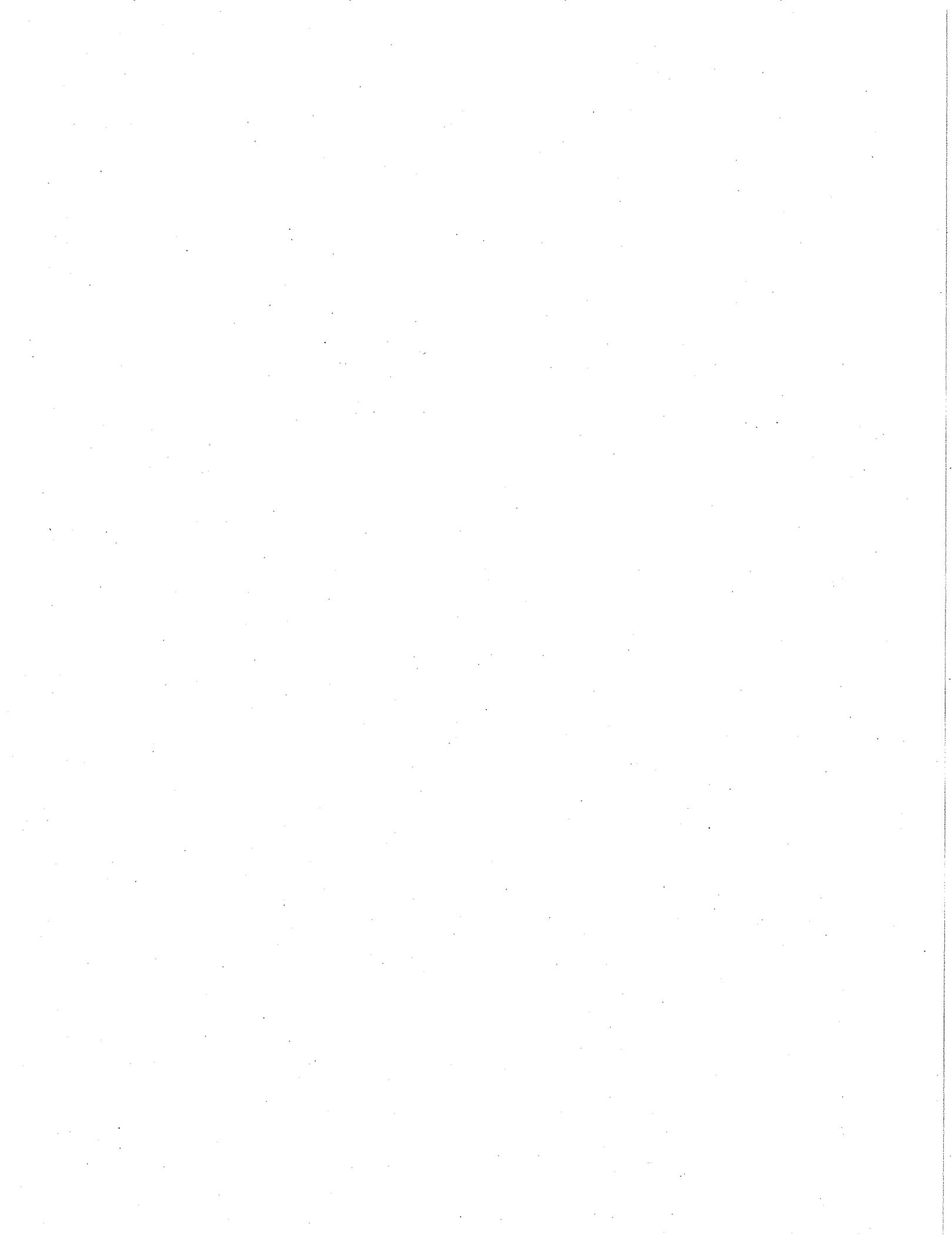
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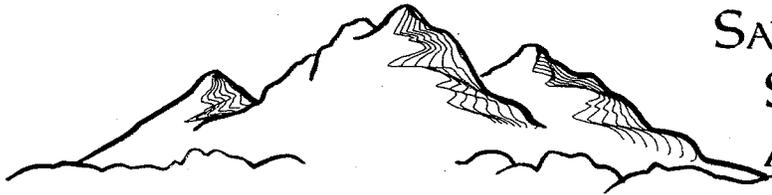
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Ms. Jeanine A. Derby, Supervisor
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Dear Ms. Derby,

We would like to express several concerns over the Scoping Process recently initiated by the US Forest Service in connection with the proposed Rosemont Mine.

First, as you have certainly heard from others, the limited advance notice made it very difficult for concerned individuals to attend the meetings, especially the first one in Tucson. I have been involved in numerous scoping processes over the years and, as I remember, advance notice of about one month was generally the norm. The first article that I saw in a newspaper of broad distribution, the *Arizona Daily Star*, appeared about 4 days before the first meeting – hardly enough time to get the word out on such an important issue.

Second, the out-of-the-way location of the first meeting was a poor choice. The Desert Vista Campus of Pima Community College, on the far southwest side of Tucson, is not a location that is well known or easily accessible. There are numerous meeting halls in Tucson that are more centrally located such as DuVal Auditorium at the University Medical Center, the Downtown Campus of Pima Community College, union halls, etc. We would have expected that an event as important as this would have been sited more centrally.

Third, and most important, the organization of the meetings was seriously flawed. The “open house” format that you were following did not help people understand the NEPA process. Instead, it promoted confused milling around and frustration at the lack of helpful information being dispensed. As you know, by the time of the third meeting in Patagonia, the public was aware of the format and came prepared to ask for something better. That the NFS couldn’t accommodate what seemed like a reasonable request didn’t speak well for the agency’s interest in addressing public concerns.

A better process would be the following:

- * Schedule the program to begin at a specified time. Ask people to be seated.
- * The NFS explains the NEPA/EIS process to the assembled crowd.
- * The NFS then introduces the consultants, explains how they were chosen and what their job is.
- * The NFS explains that now is the time to receive public concerns, lists topics typically considered under NEPA, and distributes the green comment forms.
- * The NFS reserves a specified amount of time, perhaps ½ hour – 1 hour, to answer or to direct questions to the consultants.

This format does not guarantee a more fruitful meeting, but it at least provides an opportunity to explain what the NEPA process is all about. We strongly encourage you to modify the meeting format before the Vail and Sahuarita meetings and to schedule scoping meetings again, at least in Green Valley and Patagonia. Finally, we encourage you to schedule public forums throughout the process so interested individuals can stay informed.

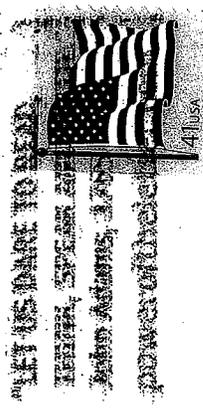
Sincerely,

Gayle Hartmann
President, Save the Scenic Santa Ritas

Cc: Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford, Congressman Raul Grijalva, Supervisor Ray Carroll, Regional Forester

Save the Scenic Santa Ritas (SSSR) is a non profit organization founded in 1996 to protect our area from environmental degradation caused by mining and mineral exploration activities.

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March 27, 2008

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Subject: Proposed Rosemont Mine

Dear Ms. Everson:

We have been following the proposed Rosemont Mine efforts and attending your recent public meetings. We wanted to attend these meetings and move around the crowds so we could hear first-hand input from the various communities. I am sure you found out, as we did, that there is strong opposition for this large mine being allowed in this area. People here are so stressed that our government, and your government agency, would allow such a thing like this to happen based upon the looming water shortage we are facing here. Many people that we spoke with said, "The Forest Service has already made up their mind to allow this mine to operate, these meetings are only window-dressing." We truly hope that this is not the case.

We hope you will take the time to read this entire letter and have a better understanding of the facts and what Green Valley/Sahuarita may be facing in just a few years as it relates to our water shortage.

As you well know, we have been in a drought situation for the past 10 years in Arizona. In many areas, more groundwater is being pumped than being replaced. This holds especially true in the Green Valley area. We have been in an overdraft situation for many years. For FY 2006, we had an overdraft of 40,000 AF. We have not received the figures for 2007, but it will be more than that because of the massive groundwater pumping by the copper mine, the pecan grove and golf courses. All are demanding more water due to higher temperatures in the summer and less rainfall. This is not a fantasy, but real facts. Note: When Sierra Vista had an annual overdraft of just over 4,000 AF, everyone got into a panic and wanted to address the issue, and did. Green Valley area has

an overdraft of over 40,000 AF annually, and no one seems to really care. There has been a lot of talk, but no sound action. Every day/month/year that goes by, only compounds the severity of the groundwater crisis. Government agencies and politicians perceive that we are all over 65 and maybe have less than 10-12 years, so why bother. Then a new group of retirees will move to town and we can continue to fool them for a while longer.

In 1998 when the Malcolm Pirnie Report was published, everyone knew (DWR, Pima County, copper mine, pecan grove) if we did not begin some type of groundwater recharge, the area was going to be in trouble. The proposed CAP pipeline was presented that would extend from Pima Mine Road to the Canoa Ranch area. Phelps Dodge and FICO (pecan grove) decided it was cheaper to pump groundwater, rather than do the right thing and they forfeited the offer of 23,000 AF of CAP water annually. Also, they did not want to assist financially with the extension of the pipeline. It is not up to the taxpayers to pay this bill, as the copper mine and pecan grove pump 85% of our groundwater from this basin. Everyone has gone along their merry way, hoping no one would find out the truth, just pumping and pumping our groundwater. They had the wells and grandfathered rights and no one could touch them. The politicians are afraid to do the right thing, as the lobbyist are very powerful and votes are more important than taking care of the people of Green Valley.

Over the past 25 months, there have been several groups here in Green Valley working together trying to determine just what are we facing, as the government agencies and politicians have completely let us down. The statistics on our looming water crisis in this basin are absolutely frightening.

First, we will address the Sierrita Mine (Phelps Dodge). From 1987 to 2006, this mine has pumped over 505,000 AF of groundwater from the old Canoa Ranch area. That equates to 23 million gallons per day. As we all know, there has been no means of recharge in the area except what small amount flows down the Santa Cruz River and rainfall. You just cannot pump that much groundwater, and not replenish it, without there being serious subsidence. Well guess what, that has started to happen. In the Canoa Verde and Canoa Azul area of Canoa Ranch, there are approximately eight homes, plus one swimming pool, that has faced serious foundation problems. It is only a matter of time before that whole area sinks maybe 4 to 9 feet. Further, that area has many golf courses, and they pump 600,000 gallons per day/per golf course.

Now, let's look at the area where the Rosemont mine will be pumping. In that area, well owners are already facing declines in the water levels. We

personally met a gentleman that lives off of Sahuarita Road where his well has dropped 60 feet in the past five years. In the next year, he will have to drill another well to the tune of over \$14,000 to secure a water supply (and for how long). You people must factor in the human consequences of what this new mine will create for all the well owners in that area.

Groundwater in this area flows from the Nogales area towards Marana. We already have less water coming down the Santa Cruz River (helps to recharge the Canoa area). Now if the new copper mine begins to draw down the groundwater in the Sahuarita area, it could possibly deplete the water in the Green Valley area even further. As that water level goes down, the Green Valley water would begin to flow towards Sahuarita at a faster rate. Groundwater knows no boundaries, there are no gates down there to tell it to stay here. So as the Green Valley area is receiving less water from the south, so could we further lose our groundwater faster to the north if the Sahuarita table begins to decline. And, it will. The only thing we do not know is when, but it will be sooner, rather than later. In possibly less than 10 years, how do you tell people 75 years of age and older that they have to go and get bottled water. Many are crippled and some with no means of transportation. Further, maybe they can only flush their toilets for two hours a day when the water is turned on. What do we do when the small water companies in Green Valley close their doors (there are six water companies here) because they cannot afford to drill deeper or dig new wells (not knowing how long that water will last). I have personally seen this happen, and believe me it is not a pretty picture. It cost the State of California and a County millions and millions to correct a problem that could have been prevented.

The National Environmental Policy Act, Section 101, Paragraph B pertains to Rosemont's activities of transporting groundwater away from Sahuarita that would interfere with the natural balance of the environments ability to maintain critical water levels for the overall development and welfare of the community. Rosemont's transportation of groundwater from Sahuarita, which is already suffering from groundwater depletion and subsidence, may cause a risk to health and safety of the residents with undesirable consequences to the community (wells drying up and property becoming worthless) and Rosemont's transportation of our groundwater could dramatically affect future growth in the community.

IF YOU APPROVE FOR THE ROSEMONT MINE TO GO INTO PRODUCTION, THEY SHOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO USE CAP WATER (NO GROUNDWATER). REMEMBER, THIS IS A FOREIGN COMPANY THAT WILL BE REMOVING OUR PRECIOUS METAL TO BE SHIPPED OVERSEAS. WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD WE ALLOW THEM

(FOREIGN ENTITY) TO DESTROY OUR GROUNDWATER BASIN. WHAT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DISPLACING AROUND 50,000 RESIDENTS IF OUR WATER SUPPLY ERODES. PLUS THE HOMES IN THIS BASIN WOULD BECOME WORTHLESS.

If you want proof of our groundwater overdraft in this basin, contact the Department of Water Resources, Pima County Flood Control and the Pima County Board of Supervisors.

We have been hoping that our State government would step in and see the urgency of this matter. The State of Arizona is at a crossroads. If the State wants mining, then they must stop residential growth. You cannot have it both ways. With the threat of less CAP water and the drought continuing for maybe 15 years, proper planning must begin today, not years from now for a sustainable water supply. It is totally unfair to lure retirees into this area, knowing our water dilemma, and where they (retirees) may lose their home and have a financial disaster, just because of powerful lobbyist, a very outdated mining law that most politicians are afraid to address because of the money for their war chest.

The Federal government has an obligation to make a sound decision. You must look at the facts and what is happening to our groundwater basin. This just cannot be ignored.

We are going to contact 20/20, Dateline, Lou Dobbs and all media outlets to try and get this story told to the entire United States. We must protect our retirees and stop others from coming here and possibly losing a lot of their retirement money. The State of Arizona should be ashamed of itself for issuing the 100 Year Guaranteed Water Certificates. Politicians, and government officials, need to start being accountable. We will not sit here and just let our community be destroyed because of greed. We will not rest until this matter is presented to the country and large media outlets. The worst part of this is that the damage will be done by a foreign company and the copper going to another country. We are also distributing this letter to our politicians so they cannot use the excuse, when there is an emergency, that they did not know there was a problem or no one informed them of this groundwater overdraft.

Should you care to meet with us, we have all of the hard data to confirm what we are saying.



Gunnar and Peggy Bonthron
Concerned citizens of Green Valley and
representing over 700 couples

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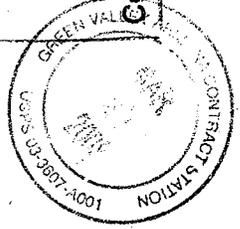
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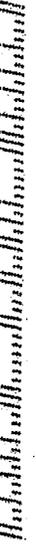
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March 25, 2008

TO: NEPA Review
FROM: Craig and Carole Campbell
RE: Public Comments for the Proposed Rosemont Copper Project
Environmental Impact Statement

I was unable to access the website given so am sending my comments via USPS. The form provided was inadequate for what we wanted to say.

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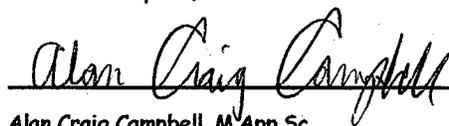
1. **WATER:** Although we appreciate the efforts to reuse water separated from tailings, the mining project will still need copious quantities of water presumably drawn from the water table that supplies Green Valley, Sahuarita, Corona de Tucson, and other residential areas in this region. Because we are in a drought that has lasted over a decade and water resources for residents are low, we think it is extremely unwise to accept a project that will further diminish the existing water resources.
2. **EXCESS DUST:** The large size of equipment used in mining and the nature of open pit mines will contribute to an already dusty atmosphere in communities for miles around the mine. Add to that the proposed access road which is unlikely to be paved and the air pollution from dust will be vastly increased. Also, the dust from mining operations is likely to contain toxins that would be harmful to people and animals, the water supply, and the vegetation for miles around.
3. **JOBS:** The 500 or so jobs predicted at an average wage of \$59,000.00 will not make much of an economic impact on the area. Not only is \$59,000.00 a low wage in 2008, it will be relatively lower because of inflation in future years. We are concerned that those working for the Rosemont mine may need public assistance from various sources that are already heavily in demand.

4. **HOUSING:** Huge residential communities at and near Corona de Tucson and in unincorporated areas of Pima County are likely to be subjected to depletion and pollution of water, as well as impacts from noise, dust, and negative changes in the natural environment.
5. **TRUCKS:** Although the proposed Rosemont Mine project has indicated it will build access roads to the site, presumably for moving material in and out, nothing has been said about the large trucks required for moving ore, rocks, etc. using community roads. Both Sahuarita Road and Highway 83 are two lane roads and not suitable for the type of trucks and other vehicles used in mining. Both these roads are also used by bicyclists who would be greatly at risk from trucks any larger than the ones that already use these roads. As far as we know there has been no proposal to upgrade either of these roads. Because Highway 83 is a narrow, winding and scenic road, widening or upgrading it would severely damage the beauty and disturb wildlife and dessert plants that grow along it. There are many dwellings along Sahuarita Road that would be negatively impacted by alterations to the road as well as by traffic from heavy trucks.
6. You have asked for possible solutions for the problems we see. We are unable to suggest any solutions that would compensate for the destroying of the natural environment or the impact of residents both in the immediate area of the mine and in communities further a field. The law of 1872 is outdated and needs to be changed. Although this cannot happen in time to deter this project, HEPA and the Forest Service should consider the realities of 2008 on onward when examining the environmental impact of this proposed project.

Thank you for considering our concerns.



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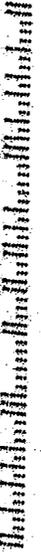
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PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

If you would like to make a comment or be added to our mailing list, please fill out this form and hand it to any of our staff or mail it to the address provided. You are also welcome to write a letter or send e-mail to: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us. Thank you!

COMMENT: Due to the fact that no previous copper mine in AZ has been returned to its pre-mining pristine condition, I seriously doubt Rosemont would be. It is cost prohibitive for Augusta Resources to do so.

- The added traffic on State Route 83 would cause hazardous driving conditions on this scenic two lane roadway.

- Having recently hiked the Greterville Trail in the Santa Ritas with its breathtaking views of the Santa Cruz Valley, I shudder to think what will become of these beautiful outdoor recreation area if Rosemont copper mine becomes a reality.

- My biggest concern is the lack of experience Augusta Resources has with copper mining and its link with foreign investors. Please carefully think over your decision to grant this mining permit. The 1872 mining law is outdated. Thank you very much for your time.

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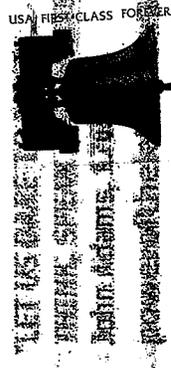
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Dear Ms. Everson:

I am submitting the following concerns as part of the public comment for the EIS analysis for the Rosemont Copper Project:

Inadequate Bonding Requirements For Reclamation

History teaches us not only that things can go bad with rock mining companies, but when they do, the damage cannot be mitigated and the costs can be enormous. The under bonding of current operations is a serious problem, because modern mines (post 1976) regularly go bankrupt. In the past twenty years, at least 15 "state of the art" mines have gone bankrupt leaving taxpayers with massive environmental destruction and potential cleanup liability exceeding \$12 Billion according to a 2003 report. A list of these modern mines and 5 of the case studies are attached as an addendum to this letter.

Remedy: Expand the bonding requirement along with penalties if reclamation is not done concurrently. **Specify how or how much** a mine should be cleaned up. In addition, insert an **inflation** adjustment clause in the bond letter of credit. Get regulatory authority to issue administrative penalties for violations of their regulatory requirements, subject to due process, and clear procedures for referring activities to other federal and state agencies for enforcement.

Regulatory Gaps

There have been numerous environmental regulations put on the hard-rock mining industry since the Mining Act of 1872, one of them being the Clean Water Act. But according to testimony of John Leahy, distinguished professor of law at University of California before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources last September, the **Clean Water Act does not protect ground water**. It is generally designed to "protect, sort of, industrial waste coming out of pipes. Mines don't pose those kind of problems. They need, in some respects, some clean water act permits, but the quantity impacts of hard-rock mining are not addressed under the existing environmental laws." He goes on to say that the Mining Law itself is utterly silent on environmental regulations and that the newer laws do not comprehensively address the myriad of environmental threats posed by hard rock mining such as the depletion of ground water, pollution, and disruption of wildlife habitat. In light of the proposed Rosemont Copper Project, this is particularly disturbing since according to Supervisor Ray Carroll in his letter to Congress,

the federal land that Rosemont wants to “develop” is at the **headwaters of Tucson’s water supply**. For example, Heavy rains and flooding such as we received as recently as 1993 in the Rosemont Project area would have washed out the tailings impoundment and polluted the whole area with toxic chemicals.

Remedy: Do not allow these mining activities to take place on NFS land that threaten major water supplies. Consider impacts of major flooding events.

Exploitation Of Public Property Without A Fair Return To The Taxpayer

According testimony before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Sept. 27,2007, “there is no payment, no royalty, no rental, no kind of direct financial return to the Treasury from hard rock mining on public lands. It is a glaring exception, because we are all charged to camp on public lands, cattle ranchers pay grazing fees, energy companies, timber companies, just about everybody pays something to use and exploit public lands. Usually something like fair market value. The hard rock mining industry is one very big exception. The Federal lands of the United States are practically the only place on earth that this industry operates without making a direct payment to the owners of the minerals. If they operate on State lands they pay a royalty, Federal lands they do not. The question of whether a royalty should be imposed on the hard rock mining industry has been settled since at least 1995, when the mining industry supported legislation contained in the Budget Reconciliation Act which would have imposed a 5% net proceeds royalty on new claims. The debate now focuses almost entirely on the structure of the royalty.

The statement of Rosemont Mine executives that the mine will produce a total of \$1.8 billion of income taxes during the project’s 20 year life is speculative and obscures the real issue. The public is receiving no direct compensation for the taking of valuable resources for private gain. This is a ridiculous argument. All profitable companies pay federal income taxes. If one were to consistently apply the Rosemont Mine Executive’s example, they should also be getting all of their raw material for free! How absurd.

Remedy: Apply a fair market value payment for the leasing of Forest Service Land based on the value of minerals(\$500 Million last April) extracted regardless if the actual pit is located on private or NFS land, it is all part of the same project. The project-related activities located on NFS land are a necessary and integral part of the overall Rosemont Copper Project.

United States v. Locke, 471 U.S. 84,104-5 (1985):opinion makes clear that the government retains the right to require a payment (whether labeled a tax, royalty, fee, or something else) from a holder of a mining claim on federal lands, even one with discovery and a property right as part of its continuing redistribution of the benefits and burdens of economic life. In general, the Supreme Court has never given credence to arguments that federal taxes and fees constitute takings of private property. See, Cole v. La Grange, 113 U.S. 1.8 (1885)”the taking of property by taxation requires no other compensation than the taxpayer receives in being protected by the government to the support of which he contributes.”

Financial Feasibility

The market for metals began to rebound in 2002 and 2003, based almost exclusively on the demand from China. Copper consumption in China has more than tripled since 1998 and it is now the biggest consumer of copper in the world. Most agree that any prolonged downturn in the

Chinese economy would dramatically impact metal prices and halt growth in the industry. The extreme volatility in the metals market in general, combined with inflation and the concentration of one large user makes the economic feasibility of The Rosemont Copper Project extremely speculative. Even though the project used conservative estimates of the long term price of copper in doing its projections, one only has to look at a very recent example of a copper mining project that appeared economical two years ago that may no longer be viable. Case in point: Novagold's(NG/TSX) Galore Creek project in British Columbia. Because of inflation, costs estimated at \$2.5 billion a year or so ago escalated to more than \$4 billion. The cost overruns have put the project on hold despite high copper and gold prices. Novagold is a huge corporation compared to Augusta Resources that owns Rosemont Mine and has years of successful experience and expertise in mining. If Novagold underestimated costs of water diversion, tailing banks, labor and inflation on its project, it is certainly reasonable to question the reality of Rosemont's assumptions.

In addition, Asarco Mines currently has a lawsuit pending against Augusta Resources for not paying fair market value for the Rosemont Property. Augusta states in its financial report that the lawsuit is without merit, but that will be determined by the court. In any event, this lawsuit presents yet another financial uncertainty for the Rosemont Project in terms of unknown legal costs that could undermine the company's profitability.

Remedy: Double check Rosemont's financial assumptions with special consideration given to inflation and the exchange rates of the US\$ and C\$ which could adversely impact their financial statements as Augusta Resources is a Canadian company and financial reports are in Canadian \$. Get an unbiased and fair assessment of Rosemont's standing and potential legal liability as Defendant in the Asarco lawsuit. Incorporate those estimates in the financial feasibility study.

Economic Impact

Rosemont Executives claim that the copper from this project represents 5-10% of the United States copper supply and to mine the copper will make us less reliant on foreign sources. That is a misleading statement unless they have forward sales contracts to U.S. companies or plan to hold 5-10% in reserve. No such commitments have been made available to the public.

Secondly, Arizona alone has 100000 abandoned mines with the legacy of safety hazards, pollution and disrupted landscapes that will cost billions of dollars to repair. Pima County Manager, Huckelberry testified that more than 35000 acres, or twice the size of Tucson Mountain Park have already been, or are being mined in Pima County and he knows of no plans by any mine to restore the sites to the natural landscape. Furthermore, Augusta Resources has no proven track record in mine reclamation. It is not in the interests of the citizens of Arizona and Pima County to be financially burdened with additional negative economic impact from hard rock mining.

Finally, The USDA Forest Service Strategic Plan: FY 2007-2012 states "Open space provides many environmental, social, and economic benefits to rural and urban communities..... **These green spaces elevate home values and generate jobs and economic vitality. Current population growth trends show a steady loss of these vital open spaces to developed uses.**" Considering Pima County's population growth and the fact that we already have significant acreage in the county leased for mining, I respectfully request that the U.S. Forest Service in keeping with the goals of your strategic plan deny the leasing of Federal Land for the Rosemont Copper Project.

ADDENDUM

~~insurances to prevent just such taxpayer liability. However, this financial exposure still exists in part because existing mining laws largely do not specify how (or how much) a mine should be cleaned up.~~

Modern Mining Bankruptcies

The underbonding of current operations is a serious problem, because modern mines regularly go bankrupt. In the past twenty years, at least 15 modern mines have gone bankrupt.⁷

Mine Name	Owner	Location	Year Operations Began	Year Bankruptcy Declared
Illinois Creek Mine	USMX/Dakota Mining	Alaska	1997	1999
Black Pine Mine	Pegasus Gold	Idaho	1992	1998
Beal Mountain Mine	Pegasus Gold	Montana	1988	1998
Zortman-Landusky Mine	Pegasus Gold	Montana	1979	1998
Basin Creek Mine	Pegasus Gold	Montana	1988	1998
Paradise Peak Mine	Arimetco International	Nevada	1989	1997
Aurora Partnership Mine	Nevada Goldfields	Nevada	1987	1999
Gold Bar Mine	Atlas Gold Mining	Nevada	1989	1999
Mount Hamilton Mine	Rea Gold Corporation	Nevada	1994	1998
Easy Junior Mine	Alta Gold	Nevada	1994	1999
Kinsley Mountain Mine	Alta Gold	Nevada	1995	1999
Griffon Mine	Alta Gold	Nevada	1997	1999
Olinghouse Mine	Alta Gold	Nevada	1999	1999
Formosa Mine	Formosa Exploration	Oregon	1990	1997
Gilt Edge Mine	Dakota Mining	South Dakota	1986	1999

Modern Mining Gone Awry – 5 Case Studies:

Idaho: Grouse Creek Mine

The Grouse Creek mine, located adjacent to the largest wilderness complex in the lower 48 states, was heralded as a "state-of-the-art" mine when it began operations in 1994. Just three years later, the mine shut its doors -- producing no profits and leaving behind a legacy of long-term water pollution. The Grouse Creek mine was permitted as a "zero discharge facility."⁸ Yet, soon after mining began, the tailings impoundment began to leak cyanide. As a result of on-going violations, the Forest Service

⁷ <http://www.earthworkaction.org/pubs/ComparisonsReportFinal.pdf>

http://www.unr.edu/mines/mlc/presentations_pub/NV_bonding.asp

⁸ Record of Decision and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement - Volume 1, Grouse Creek Project, USDA Forest Service Challis National Forest, May 1992

posted signs which warned, "Caution, do not drink this water."⁹ In 2003, the Forest Service declared the mine site an "imminent and substantial endangerment."¹⁰ Cleanup activities are on-going.

Oregon: Formosa Mine

In 1991, during a period of high metal prices, Canadian start-up Formosa Exploration Inc. launched a copper zinc mine on 76 acres of federal (BLM) and private land near the town of Riddle in southwest Oregon. The mine folded 2 1/2 years later in 1994 as prices slumped. According to the State of Oregon, the mine has contaminated 18 miles of the Oregon's Umpqua watershed (Middle Creek and South Fork of Middle Creek and Cow Creek) - eliminating prime habitat for the threatened Oregon coast Coho salmon and steelhead.¹¹ So severe is the pollution that even insect life is gone in the upper reaches of the creeks, along with any chance of supporting fisheries.

Montana: Beal Mountain Mine

The Beal Mountain Mine, located on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, operated from 1989-1998. When the mine was permitted, the Environmental Analysis concluded that the operation of the mine would have no impacts to water quality, because "there will be no discharge of mine or process water to surface waters."¹² The agencies were wrong. Although the mine ceased operating years ago, it has continued to pollute neighboring streams with cyanide, selenium and copper at levels that harm aquatic life.¹³ Scientists have also determined that trout in water downstream of the mine are contaminated with harmful amounts of selenium caused by mining activities.¹⁴ Warren McCullough, who is responsible for enforcing state mine permit laws for Montana DEQ, told the Montana Standard in July 2003 that the aftermath of the closed Beal Mountain Mine is "not going to be something that we're ever going to be able to walk away from."

Montana: Kendall Mine

The Kendall Mine, an open pit, cyanide-leach mine located northwest of Lewistown, Montana, was permitted in 1989. The mine caused extensive water quality and quantity problems including numerous cyanide spills.¹⁵ In addition, precipitation flowing through the waste rock piles caused extensive contamination of groundwater and surface water. In 1998, the State of Montana ordered Canyon Resources, the owner of the mine, to pay \$300,000 for polluting downstream waters with cyanide, selenium, arsenic and thallium.¹⁶ Canyon Resources claimed it did not have the financial resources to pay the fine. In 2002, Canyon finally paid the State a reduced penalty of \$132,000 - with only \$13,000 in cash and the balance in mineral rights transferred from the company to the state. In October, 2001, six families who live downstream of the mine filed suit against the company for damages to their water supplies and private property. State officials have determined that long-term water treatment will be required at the mine.¹⁷

⁹ Associated Press, "Mine processing waste still entering Jordan Creek," September 8, 1999; see also, "Idaho Fines Open-Pit Gold Mine \$210,000 for Polluting Local Creek," Salt Lake Tribune, October 2, 1999

¹⁰ Forest Service and Environmental Protection Agency, "Removal Action Memorandum," May 21, 2003

¹¹ State of Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality, Fact Sheet: Oregon's Abandoned Mine Cleanups Complicated by High Cost and Lack of Funding, March 13, 2006.

¹² "Beal Mountain Reclamation Under Fire," Montana Standard, July 14, 2002

¹³ Action Memorandum for Beal Mountain Mine Time Critical Removal. Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Silver Bow County, Montana, July 2003.

¹⁴ Aquatic Hazard Assessment for Selenium in the German Gulch subwatershed, Based on 2001 and 2002 Data. Prepared January 2003 by Tim LaMarr. Reviewed by Dennis Lenly.

¹⁵ <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/mining/techdocs/gold.pdf>

¹⁶ The Associated Press, October 29, 1998, "State: Another \$4 million may be needed to clean up Kendall mine"

¹⁷ <http://www.deq.state.mt.us/eis/CRKendall/Scoping.pdf>

Nevada: Jerritt Canyon

The Jerritt Canyon Mine in northern Nevada, which was permitted in 1980, is a significant source of mercury air pollution. Emissions data, obtained from the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and made public in June of 2007, indicates that the mine may have released significantly more mercury into the air than it reported to state and federal agencies.¹⁸ Gold mines are the fifth largest source of mercury air emissions in the U.S, producing 25% of all the mercury air emissions west of Texas.¹⁹ Yet there are no federal regulations requiring gold mines to reduce their mercury emissions, and to ensure that public health and fisheries are protected. Mercury is considered the most dangerous heavy metal because it is toxic to humans and moves freely through the environment.

Modern Mines Need a Modern Mining Law

Unlike other extractive industries, there is no environmental law written specifically to govern hardrock mining. Instead, a patchwork of federal and state laws and regulations attempts to fill in the holes.

As modern mining problems have demonstrated, the current legal and regulatory system fails to protect western water resources. Reform of the 1872 Mining Law should include clear operational standards for hardrock mining, to prevent future spills and contamination. These standards should include:

- “Bad Actor” provisions to ensure that companies that have caused serious environmental harm in the past to not receive a permit for a new mining operation;
- The ability to deny mining operations that would cause undue degradation to human health, water resources, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources;
- A provision that ensures that mining operations will not continue to pollute after mining has ceased;
- The requirement that mining activities minimize negative effects on water quality and quantity.

Reform of the 1872 Mining Law should also include explicit reclamation standards, with bond requirements tied to those standards. Reclamation standards should include:

- A requirement to restore the hydrologic balance of a the area after mining has ceased;
- Restoration of the surface and revegetation;
- A requirement that, for pits that do not require backfilling, water in pit lakes comply with Federal, State and local government water quality standards;
- Tailings impoundments designed to minimize leaks and prevent the release of toxic materials, and waste rock piles that are stabilized.

¹⁸ The Idaho Statesman, June 10, 2007, “Toxic Mercury Blows North Into Idaho”

¹⁹ www.epa.gov/triexplorer

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Dear Ms. Everson:

For me, the public meeting held at the Patagonia High School on March 20th to discuss issues relating to the proposed Rosemont Mine was both a success and a failure. On the positive side, it provided me with the opportunity to meet you. Our face-to-face conversation encouraged me to send this letter, especially after learning that economic and social issues will play an important role in how you and your team interpret your duty to protect and promote the public's interest. On the negative side, the meeting did not provide me or my neighbors with the details needed to successfully articulate our case and to exercise our responsibilities (voice and civic participation) within a democracy. Had there been a dialog between the U.S. Forest Service and the community – with both the public and Forest Service listening and responding to one another – my neighbors and I would probably have acquired the information to:

- Evaluate the impact of the proposed Rosemont Mine on the daily life of the community, particularly its impact on health, safety, and well-being; and
- Understand the details of how you and your team interpret your responsibilities within the various statutes under which you operate to balance Augusta Resource's right to create private wealth for management and shareholders AND the right of the public to continue to live in an environment (both physical and economic) that provides a high quality of daily life.

As the holder of a Ph. D. in Economics, I am trained to assess the social and economic consequences of large development projects. Thus, I will leave to others the "hard science" issues such as what the Rosemont Mine will do to the quantity and quality of the water supply, the quality of the air in the neighborhood and the mine's wind shadow, and the impact on local animal habitat and flora. However, what I want to add is my comments on the "soft science" issues—the social and economic environmental consequences of this controversial project. In a nutshell, I believe that Augusta Resource (Augusta) has not supplied sufficient information on the critical soft science issues for the Forest Service or the public to determine whether the operation of the Rosemont Mine will significantly degrade the health, safety, and well-being of those who live or work in the area surrounding the mine. We should all be asking ourselves why this critical information has not been supplied. Is it because the data would be unfavorable to Augusta's cause? Or is it because Augusta is indifferent to the social and economic

consequences to anyone but its shareholders and management? In either case, the lack of attention to this important issue is a fundamental defect in the process that needs to be remedied. In other words, before a decision can be reached, more attention needs to be given to this aspect of the balance between private development and community impact.

Today our country is experiencing widespread economic pain because of erroneous beliefs that housing prices would rise forever. Yet many people continue to believe that commodity prices can move in only one direction – up. What if that assumption, like perpetual house price appreciation, turns out to be false? In a worse case scenario, what are likely to be the consequences on local communities if the commodity party peters out, the operation of the mine is no longer profitable, and Augusta closes the mine, leaving nothing but a big hole, the absence of the promised jobs and tax revenue, and insufficient funds to do the reclamation needed to return the mine site and dumping area to its current state? Haven't we learned from history? Will not precipitous movement on the part of the U.S. Forest Service perhaps lay the seeds for disappointment or another boom and bust? I believe that you and the public need to obtain the information to assess the risk and cost to the community if things do not work out as well as Augusta claims.

Thus, I urge you to reject the Augusta's request to build an open pit copper mine in Pima County until such time as Augusta can demonstrate how and why the mine will contribute to the sustainable development of Pima and Santa Cruz counties and by so doing create strong, healthy, sustainable local communities, not only at today's historically high copper prices, but at the market values that are likely to prevail if the current commodity bubble were to burst or if Rosemont Mine turns out to be a high cost producer, unable to match industry productivity and technology standards. In other words, Augusta should be required to provide information that includes sensitivity testing as to how things would work out if real copper prices were to decrease by, say, 10%, 25%, and 50%. (Remember, it was only ten years ago that copper prices were \$.85/lb versus today's price of about \$4.00/lb.) What is Augusta's likely response if copper prices returned to their historic mean? What impact would this have on the community?

Among the hard questions that you and public need to ask are not simply how many jobs would be created by Rosemont Mine or new taxes collected from Augusta if real copper prices remain strong, but whether those jobs match the skill set of the local labor force? Will the jobs upgrade local skills, provide training, and offer safe, steady, and remunerative employment or will it bring in outsiders to fill the slots? Will the mine provide an economic stimulus to communities suffering from high unemployment, like Nogales and Patagonia or will it stimulate out migration? Will the mine help turn distressed communities into economically vibrant ones by significantly benefiting local businesses or primarily enrich foreign entrepreneurs and investors? Will the mine create local businesses, especially ones catering to local and regional needs? Is an open pit mine and its related processing facilities compatible with local community values and the economic foundation that supports local communities, e.g., ranching, tourism, recreation, and holistic health services? How will change impact the community's and region's culture? What are likely to be some of the unintended consequences on local

communities and economies if Augusta's financial model turns out to be faulty and/or copper prices take a big hit?

Both the Government and the public need more information how an open pit copper mine will affect daily practices. Will the Rosemont Mine will attract people to local communities in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, keep young people in their communities, and strengthen local natural, social, and human capital? Will an open pit copper mine reduce the fragility and vulnerability of small, rural, borderland communities in Pima and Santa Cruz counties? Will it reduce rural poverty, build social cohesion, and make these communities safer, healthier, and more attractive places to live and work? Over the long term, is it likely that an open pit copper mine will lead to an improvement or deterioration in the water local people drink, the air they breathe, the food they grow, and the cattle they raise? Is an open pit mine likely to increase local pollution, congestion, and road accidents? What is likely to be its impact on children's health and on nature's health?

From where I sit (in Sonoita), there is strong evidence that creating an open pit copper mine in Pima County would be a mistake. As indicated by the meeting in Patagonia last week, the community does not want it. Local business people have urged their elected representatives to vote against allowing Augusta to build a copper mine "in our neighborhood." Local residents have echoed these sentiments. At the "local gathering grounds" (libraries and coffee shops) people are grumbling. Some say they are thinking of moving because they don't want to live in the wind shadow of an open pit mine and its related processing facilities. Property values, they say, are taking a big hit because few people want to move into an area that is near an open pit copper mine. Furthermore, they worry that the higher density of traffic that would result from the opening of the Rosemont Mine would increase congestion on the roads, lead to higher taxes, more automobile accidents, and cut people off from access to jobs, health care, education, shopping, and recreation in Tucson. In other words, they believe that the Rosemont Mine will add to, not detract from, their economic and social vulnerabilities, and will weaken, not strengthen, their local communities.

No one knows for sure what the future holds. However, at the moment it is clear that the common sense and intuition of "ordinary people" in Santa Cruz County oppose an open pit copper mine. They believe, despite what Augusta's economic models, business plans, and consultants tell them, that the risk to the livability of their communities and to nature is too great. Rosemont Mine will not contribute to sustainable development or strong, healthy communities. It will not make the area a better place to live and raise one's children and grandchildren. It will not enhance the happiness, well-being, health, or welfare of their families, friends, and communities. It will not reduce poverty or disparities in income. It will not protect or grow natural capital. And yes, it will discourage residency, recreation, well-being, and happiness.

Pima and Santa Cruz residents have been witness to, and oftentimes victims of, the unintended consequences of exuberant claims that a new business will do both well and good, particularly when those claims are made in a proceeding to obtain a license or other required governmental approval. However, we all have experienced the fact that

promises made at the front end are often broken when the going gets tough. This is particularly the case here, in a boom-and-bust industry, and where the primary beneficiary of the opening of the Rosemont Mine is a foreign, not local, corporation. Who will be left holding the bag if commodity prices decline or Augusta decides to put the interests of its executives and shareholders ahead of the local residents by utilizing high technology or low wage workers who will strain the local infrastructure (schools, hospitals, etc.) or penny-pinching on environmental and labor matters? I am sure in our hearts we know the answer to these questions.

The country is currently in the midst of a financial crisis caused by unsound lending practices and the sale of shaky loans to purchasers who were assured by "experts" that the risk of large-scale defaults was small. We now know that the reason we are experiencing this financial crisis and thousands of ordinary people are facing the loss of their homes through foreclosure is that the lenders wanted to increase their profits, the market value of their stock, and the compensation of their executives and did not pay sufficient attention to the potential adverse consequences of their actions. We also know that the business models were wrong and the allegedly independent experts (the rating agencies) were co-opted by the lenders, who paid the experts' bills. We should not let a similar thing happen here. The Government and the public need to see hard data prepared by or on behalf of Augusta that addresses the social and economic environmental issues described above and be sure that the data is both comprehensive in scope and objective, i.e., not overly biased in favor of Augusta. At the same time, the public has a right to know how the U.S. Forest Service balances hard science and soft science, quality of life issues.

Until Augusta has submitted the data, the public has been given an opportunity to verify the objectivity of Augusta's data, and the public understands the process the U.S. Forest Service will use to make its decision on whether Rosemont Mine is a "go," wisdom, or the "precautionary principle," cautions against approving Augusta's filings in support of its request to build the Rosemont Mine and related production facilities. A short-term profit for Augusta is not worth long-term pain and suffering for the community. I hope you agree.

Cordially,



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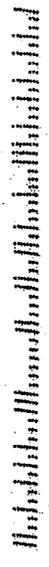
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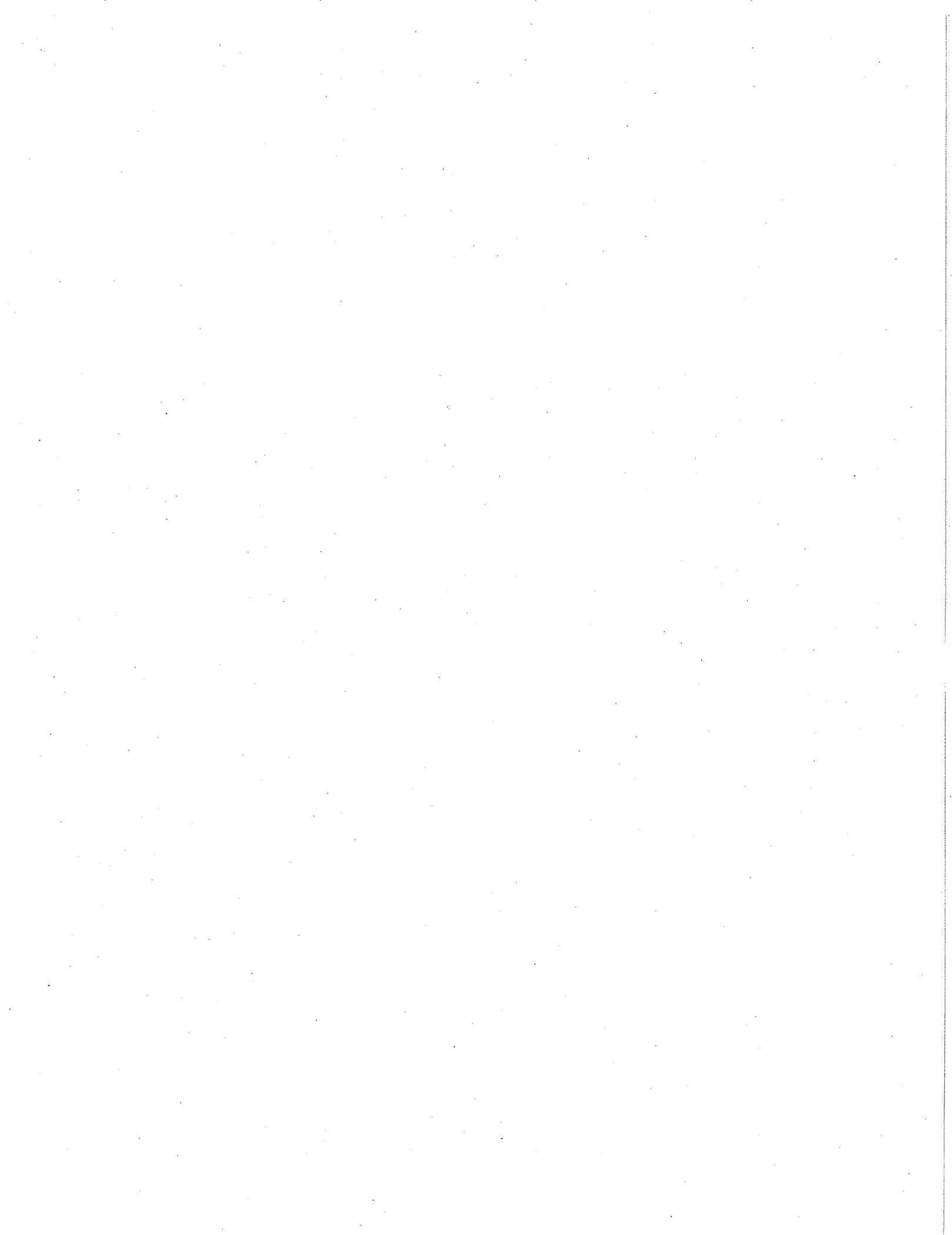
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Re: Rosamond Minz

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Harold Metz

From: June Wortman [junesrag@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 2:54 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: BE PREPARED FOR TONIGHT- NOT GOOD

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I attended the Forest Service meeting last night in Tucson. It was all set up to show all the aspects of the proposed mine by and for the "Proponent," i.e., Rosemont Mining Company (latest name). There was no venue at all for any opposition--just fill out this form with your comments...

Forest Service people have put out a 16-page agreement with Rosemont. Please note it was not on their website until Sunday after I notified them that the link was dead..

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/rosemont/documents/fs-rosemont-mou-03052008.pdf>

There were number of young people were there with Rosemont Mining Company badges. When I asked them how they found out about the meeting, I was told that Rosemont representatives came out to their neighborhood, knocked on their doors and invited them to a free dinner and a meeting on mining jobs. They were loaded up on a bus--brought to a meeting room where they filled out applications and signed a petition. None of them were qualified for a technical mining job at the promised \$15 rate. No problem. Rosemont would give them a training program. Only at the end of the meeting were they told that the jobs would not be available for a year or so. Several realized they had been "used" and wanted to take their name off the petition--but too late.

BE WELL

Nancy Freeman

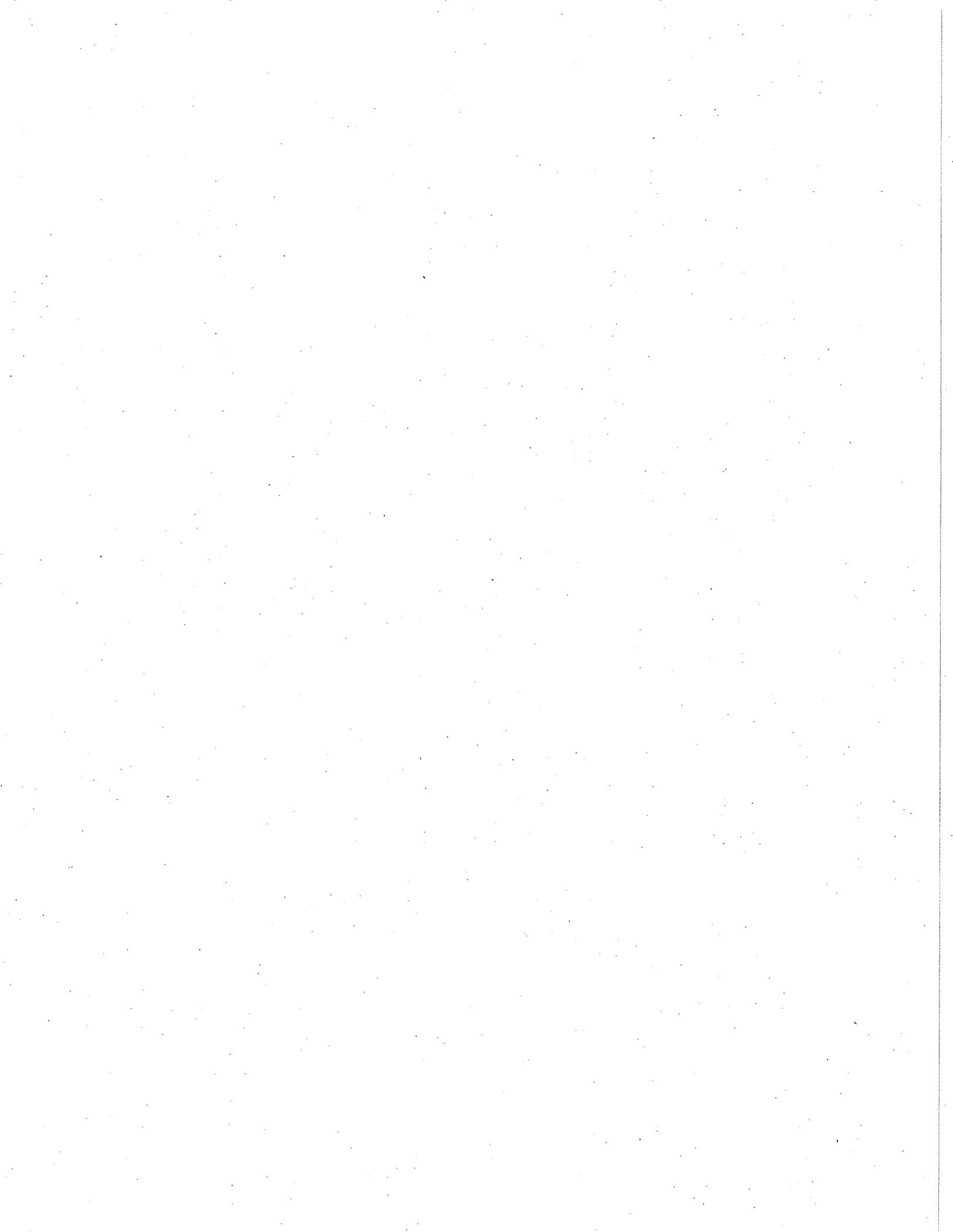
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COMMENT:

I Strongly oppose mining in Santa Rita Mts & other local lands in area - eastern Santa Cruz County for the following reasons:

- 1. Air quality - pollution - excessive dust, etc
2. Water quality & demand on water supply
3. Destruction of environmentally sensitive land
4. Stress on wildlife
5. Unsafe traffic on 83 due to trucks
6. Health hazards due to hazardous materials on highways such as sulfuric acid
7. Cost to State for highway repair - traffic control (DPS) & legal matters

* Please protect our land - once gone - it will be gone forever. This beautiful place is not the place to mine & destroy the entire area.

NAME: Claire C Downing

EMAIL: [redacted]

ADDRESS: PO Box 755 Sonita, AZ 85637

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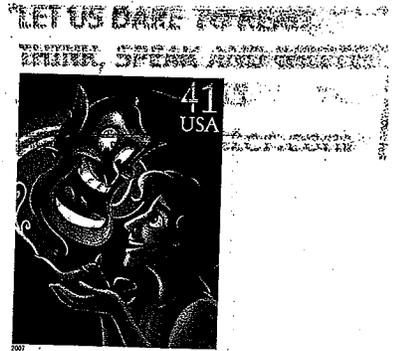


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Dangerous traffic on winding Route 83, air pollution, light affecting Mt. Hopkins telescopes - all need to be considered.



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COMMENT:

A huge open pit copper mine plus miles of toxic, ugly tailings piled high on our National Forest in the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains which would be destroyed forever would be a tragedy - really criminal. STOP this atrocity NOW. The Forest Service must NEVER allow this deceitful foreign firm (mostly Japanese) that has never operated a mine do it here. Our dwindling water supply in this drought-stricken desert is critical to all life. This fact alone should prevent squandering (& polluting the run-off) of our precious water supply.

I know this area quite thoroughly & have stood on top of all the peaks between Gunsight Pass & Box Canyon & seen copper there. Augustas signs at Helvetia on the west side prove their ownership & probable intent to excavate there also. Recently their machines were working high up, just south of Gunsight Pass on both East & West sides of the mountains. No doubt they would remove our spectacular skyline - an absolute atrocity. Daily we live with many miles of growing tailings just west of G.V. on once valuable land, which pollute our drinking water & raise dust. I can't possibly understand how the Forest Service could even consider allowing this foreign speculator to rape our beautiful mountain land close to

NAME: Tucson's growing population & ship the ore to communist China.

EMAIL: (NONE) A horrible mistake & utter stupidity. For eternity.

ADDRESS: There is copper in Mexico, Africa, S. America etc. let Augusta & Frances C Carter (Mrs David A. Carter) look elsewhere.

Everyone here seems to share my opinion but most won't bother to write.

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(NO) I'm already on this list.

PLEASE PRINT:
Name: Frances Carter
Address: 1801 S. Abrego Dr
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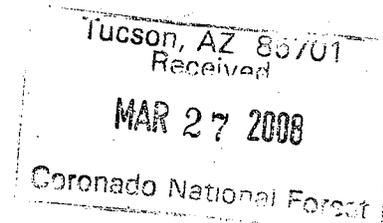
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COMMENT:

As a long-time resident of Green Valley
I oppose the Rosemont Copper mine because:

- * 1. We do not have enough water for the large water use of a mine.
2. The mine would damage the habitat for wild life.
3. The mine would send polluted water into the aquifer.
4. There would be increased traffic and wear on our roads.
5. Income from tourist business would be lessened.

NAME: Emaline Hannum

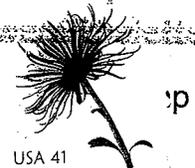
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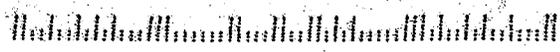


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COMMENT: ROSEMONT'S MINE WOULD HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON WHY THE MAJORITY OF US LIVE HERE. THAT IS BEAUTY & PEACE. THE MINE AND ALL THAT COMES WITH IT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR PROPERTY VALUES. IT WILL IMPACT OUR TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON A ROUTE WHICH IS BASICALLY ONE WAY IN AND OUT AND IS A SCENIC HIGHWAY WE HAVE NO INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE 500 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES I.E. NO MARKETS, RESTAURANTS, HOUSING, LOGGING ETC. MY GREATEST CONCERN RELATES TO 'POLLUTION', NOISE, LIGHT, AIR, WATER ETC.

THERE MUST BE A PLACE "OUT THERE" WHERE THERE ARE NO PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO LOVE WHERE WE LIVE, WHERE THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

NAME: SUZETTE H STEWELOFF

EMAIL: STEWELOFFS @ GMAIL . COM

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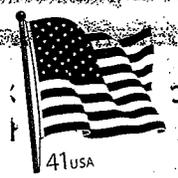
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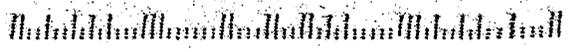


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1. It poses a serious threat to the area's (already diminishing) water supply by its source of wastes that could manifest themselves not only now but in years to come. (Cf. Rocketdyne's Santa Susana (Chatsworth, California) site, which is still being cleaned up after decades of use.)

2. The area's notorious high winds will carry the mine's dust and dirt for miles, forming an extreme health hazard, especially to children and the myriad older persons who have retired to southeastern Arizona.

3. The mine's use of explosives will cause noise and shock waves that are detrimental to psychological health.

4. The mine's use of 56 truck trips daily, seven days a week, will expose motorists on already-dangerous Route 83 to traffic congestion that will tempt motorists to pass the slow-moving trucks in no-passing zones or be forced to be late for doctors' appointments and other important events in Tucson. Additionally, school children on buses, and all motorists, will face the risk of the mine's vehicles being involved in accidents that could smash school buses and passenger vehicles as well as release toxic wastes on the highway.

NAME:

EMAIL: Barry C. Fain, Ph.D.

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 23, Sonoita, Ariz. 85637

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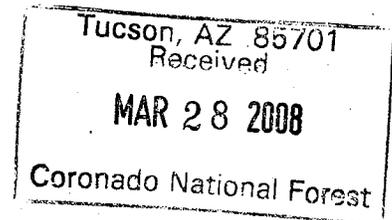
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Since I do not wish to be harassed by the mine owners and/or miners, please exempt me from the FOIA. Barry C. Fain, Ph.D.



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My wife & I Concerned about dust, water run off.

Whats done with ~~water~~ what they dont use?

what do we look at as they mine in to the mountain?

What do we look at after there done?

The marble plant we all look at that big white ~~spot~~ spot, what will this be?

NAME: Bryan D. Becker

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 654 Sahuarita, AZ 85629

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COMMENT: 1st comment: Am totally against any mining!!!

* a. Water situation in area already critical - Even if they bring the pipeline it is only designed to give 5000 acre ft - which is what the mine will use. - The P.V. basin gets no benefit!!

* b. Power another big issue - question about electric still not answered

c. Economic aspect to be considered - will impact tourist industry - hiking, biking etc. is a beautiful part of the state!!

d. Traffic another issue to consider!! 2nd & only scenic route in so. Wt. Az.

e. Dump site on National Forest Land - big concern. It's our national property and heritage to leave children and grandchildren for years to come - shouldn't be polluted!! Look at the mine already here - that awful landmark!!!

NAME: Jeyce Dwyer

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Green Valley, Az. 85614

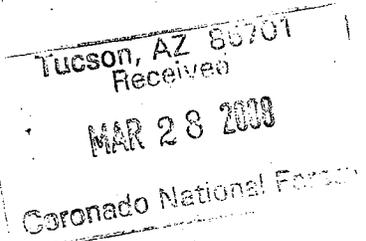
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COMMENT: I feel that it doesn't really matter what the public feels about the mine. I feel that the Forest is going to make its decision regardless of input. What does this say about the Forest Services reputation? People in Patagonia including me feel like we are being railroaded. The wilderness is an endangered environment. It needs all the protection it can get. We should look ~~to~~ to the Forest to protect it for us. Do your job.

More than 200 people came to what was billed a "meeting" to voice their concerns. Do you realize how many wasted man hours that is? There is a lot of frustration created when people can't talk to someone who can answer their questions honestly and with knowledge.

NAME: Cynthia Berk

EMAIL: cberk@patagoniapubliclibrary.org

ADDRESS: HCR-2 Box 271 Patagonia AZ 85624

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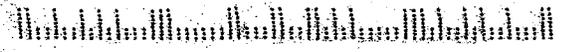
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Review Information

Simultaneous Review

Reviewers' instructions: Final review for this letter. I gave a hard copy to Toni and Anne. I would like to get this in the mail by the end of March. Rachel, could you please share with Andrea? I couldn't find her in the database. Thanks!

Still To Review	Reviewers Concurring	Reviewers Not Concurring
Celeste A Gordon/R3/USDAFS Rachel A Carroll/R3/USDAFS	Mary M Farrell/R3/USDAFS	None

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Review Comments

Mary M Farrell/R3/USDAFS concurs, 03/18/2008 10:09:58 AM MST
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NAME: GEORGE M. KENNEDY

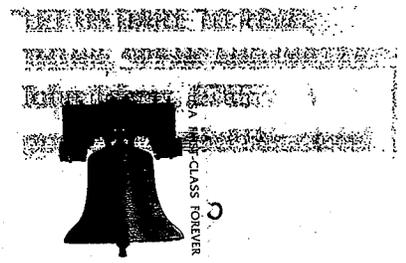
EMAIL: gmk31@cox.net

ADDRESS: 1145 W. CAMINO DE LA OCA GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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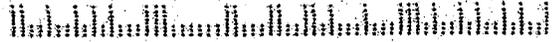
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NAME: MIESEN Nelson

EMAIL: _____

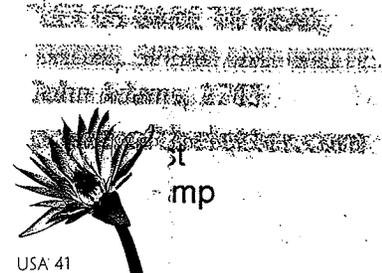
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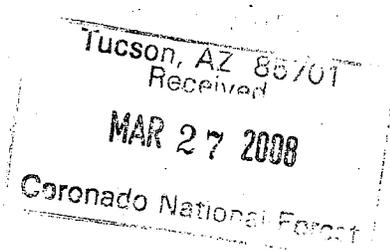
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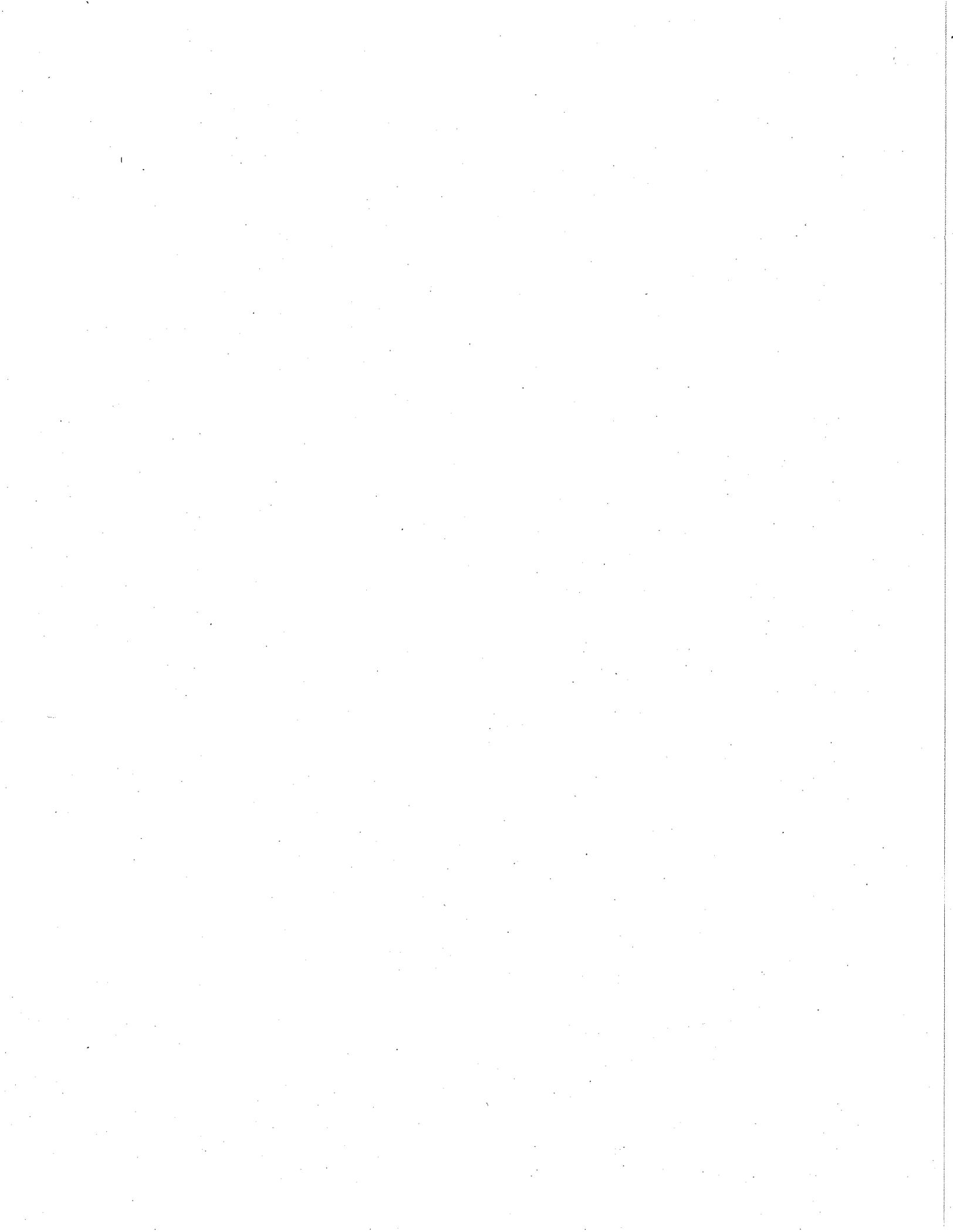
NAME: Richard Granger

EMAIL: None

ADDRESS: H.C. 1 Box 1005 Sonoma, Az 85637

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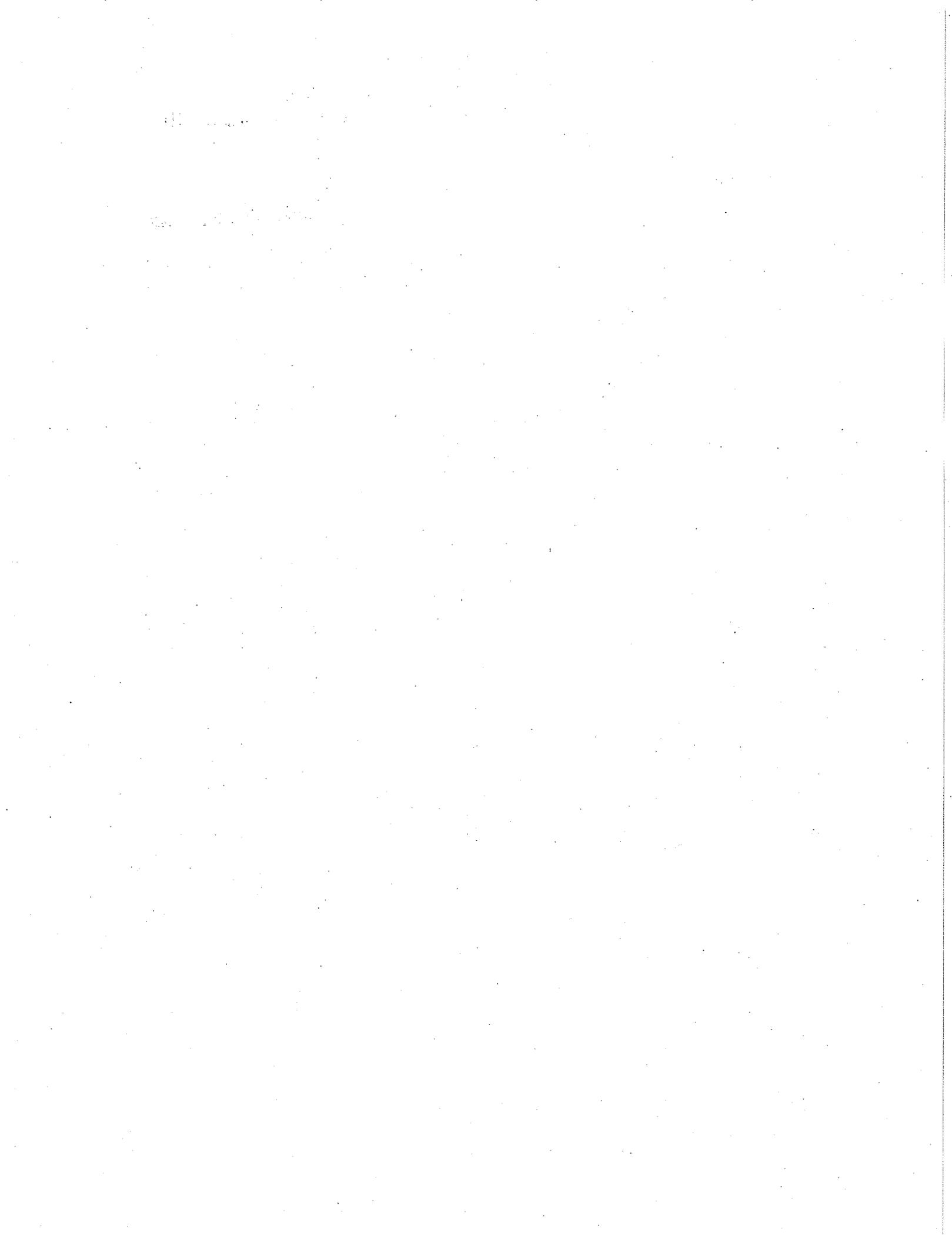
Additional comments:

COST BENEFIT DOES NOT WARRANT THIS MINE !!

Thank You,

Name: WILLIAM L KATZEL
Address: 1672 W VUELTA SALVATIERRA

City, State, Zip: GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614-5000



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Additional comments:

Thank You,

Name: Carol Baker

Address: 2419 S. Orchard View Dr

City, State, Zip: Green Valley AZ 85614

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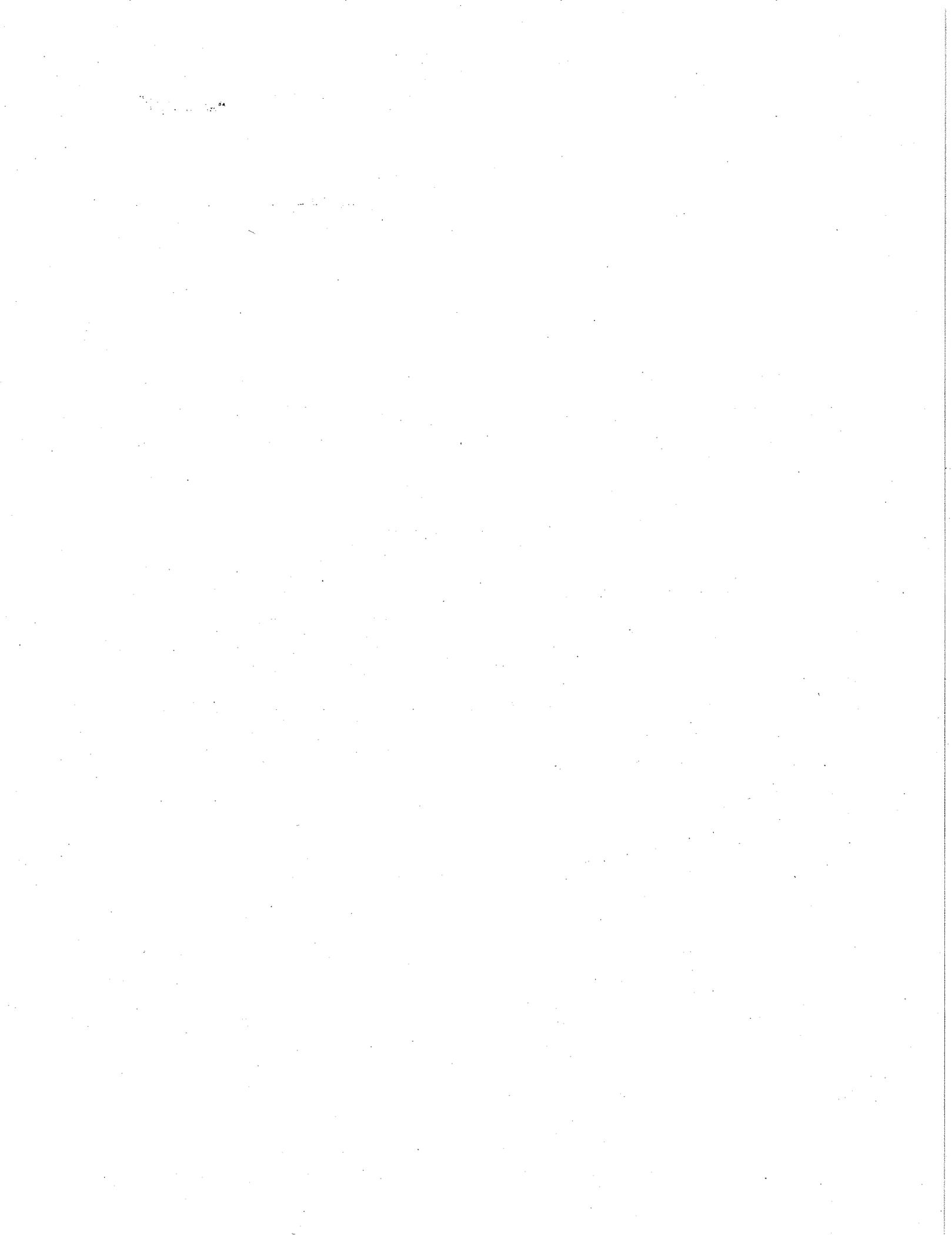
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Address: 2235 E. FAEGH VISTA DR

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Additional comments:

Don't do this. No water, electricity problems

Thank You,

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Address: 421 N. MOUNTAIN BROOK DR.

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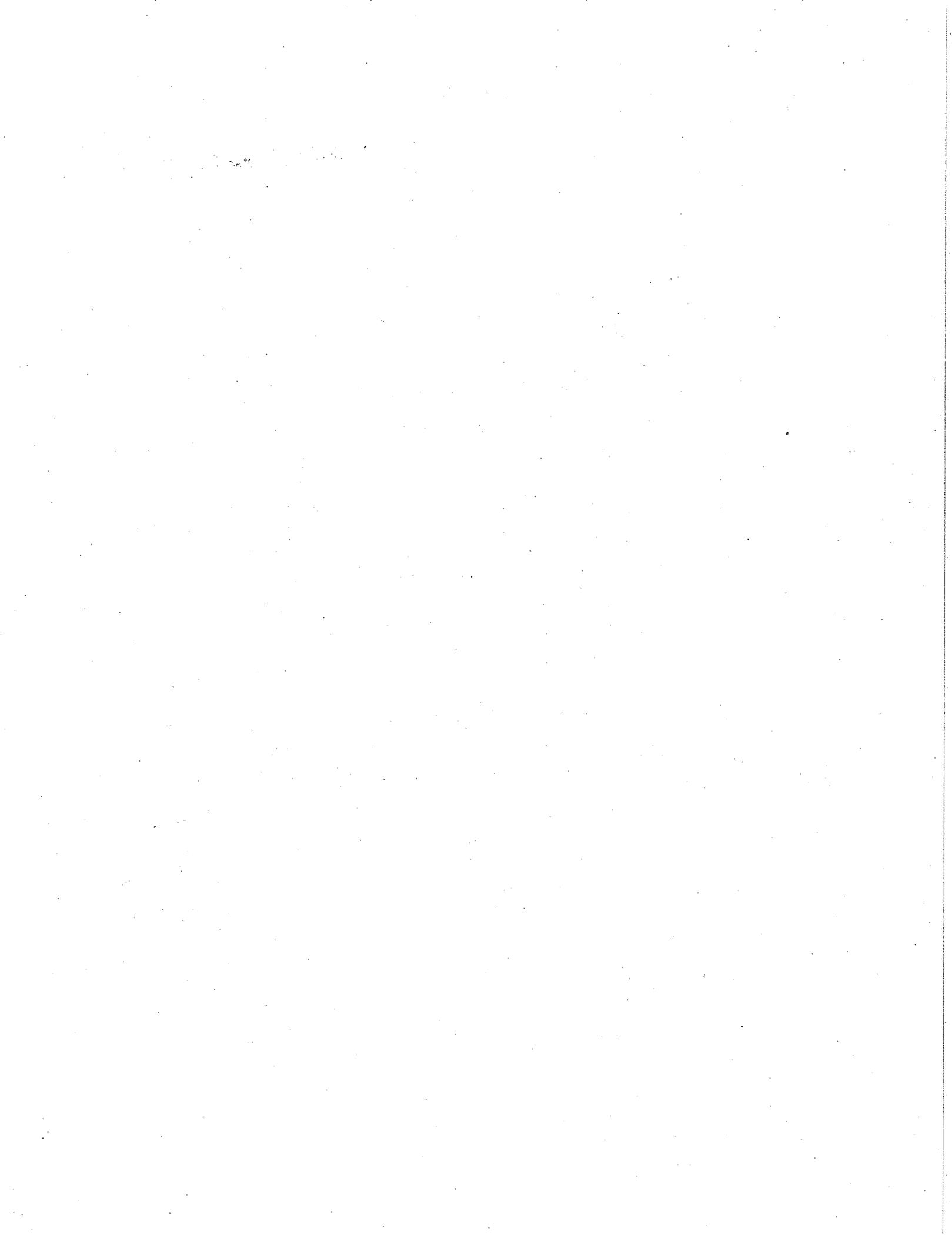
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Address: 2419-5-Orchard View DR

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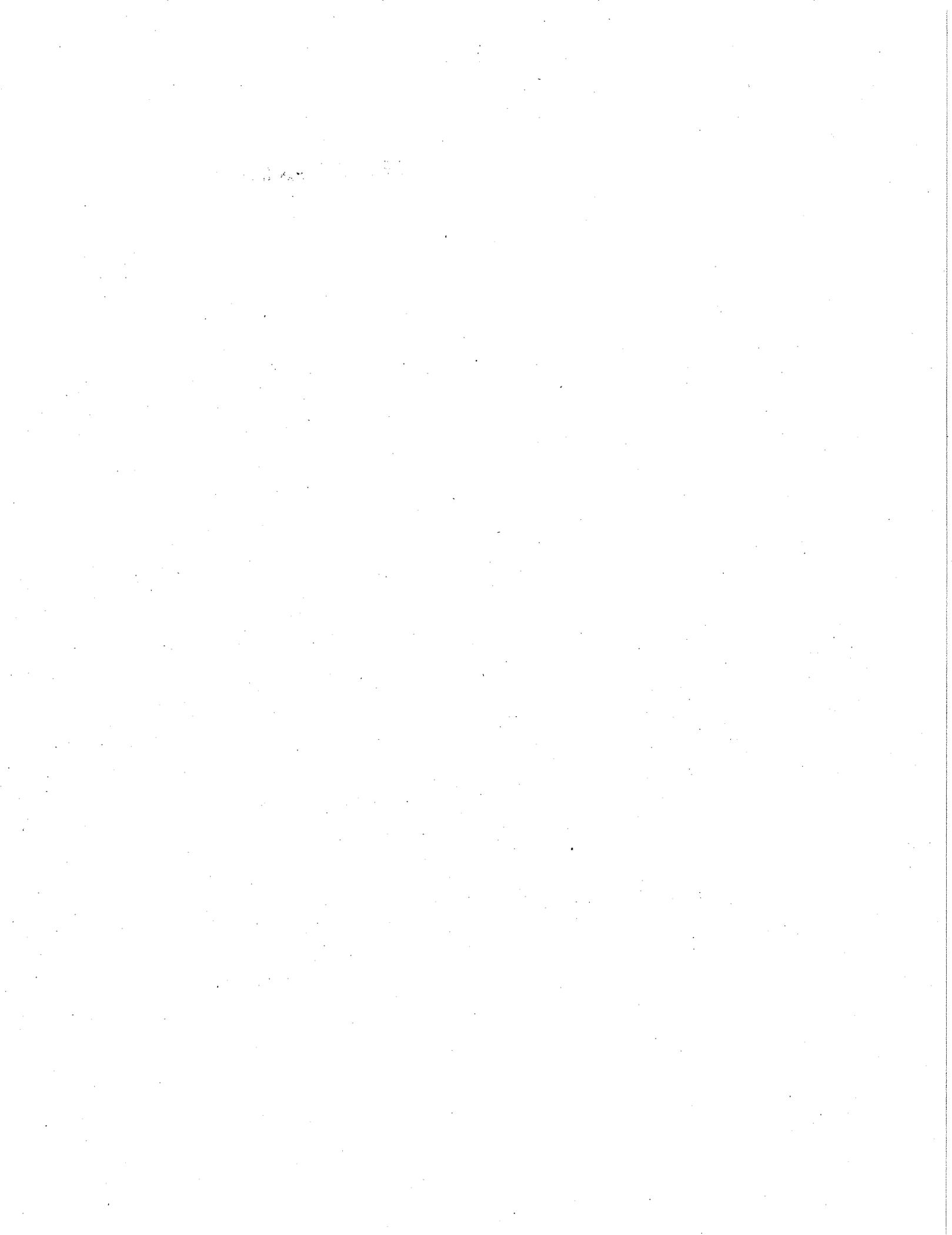
This would be an environmental disaster in a
beautiful area that would never recover.

Thank You,

Name: Frances C. Carter

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Additional comments:

This is not an appropriate use
of state trust land and will ruin our bedding
tourism business, etc

Thank You,

Name: Allie Saules

Address: 1529 Calle Hércules

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Name: Jenifer Schaffer

Address: PO Box 172

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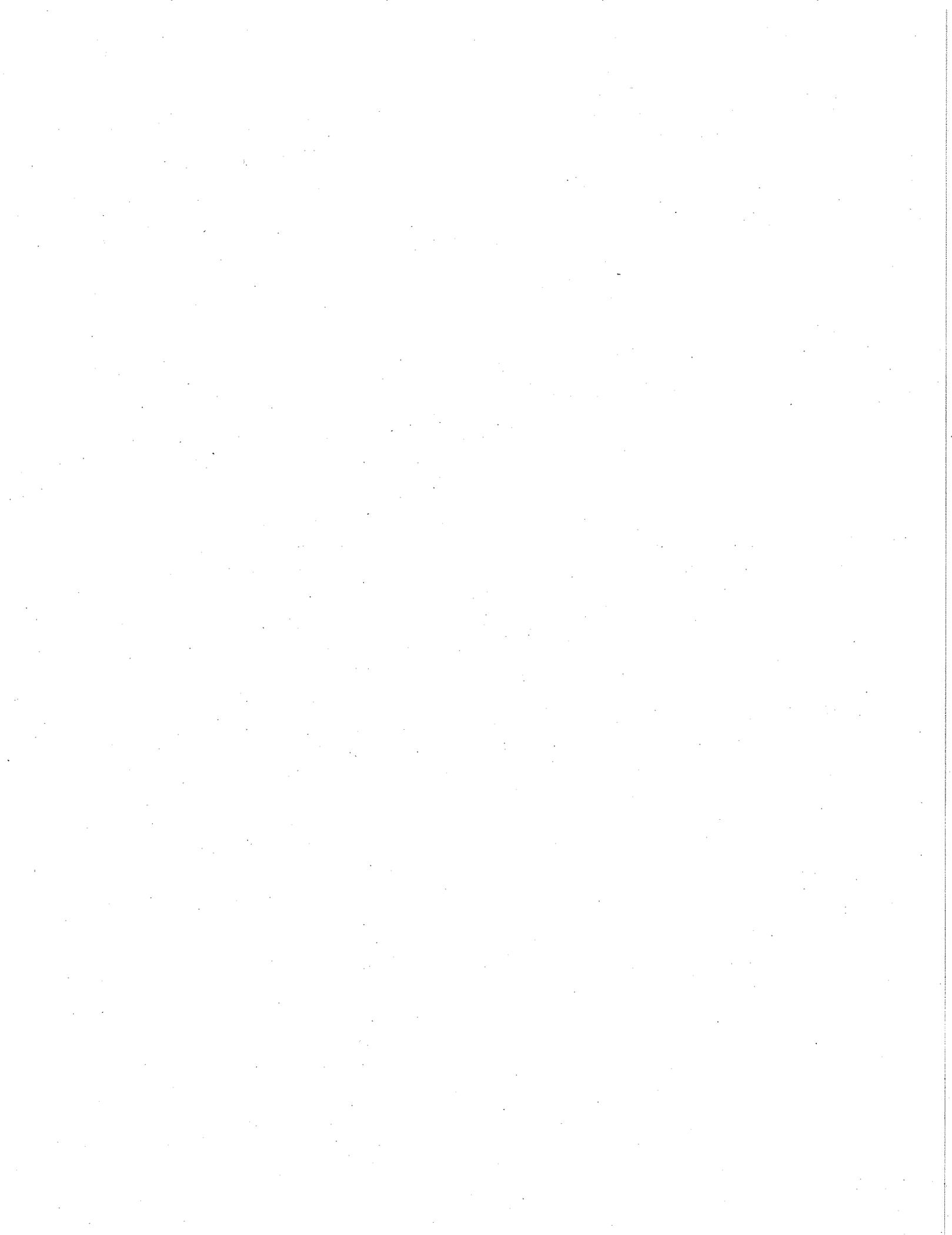
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Thank You,

Name: HALLIE CASWELL

Address: 2343 S. ROLLING ROCK PL

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Thank You,

Name: FRANK PEEBLES

Address: 15150 E. GHOST DANCE RD

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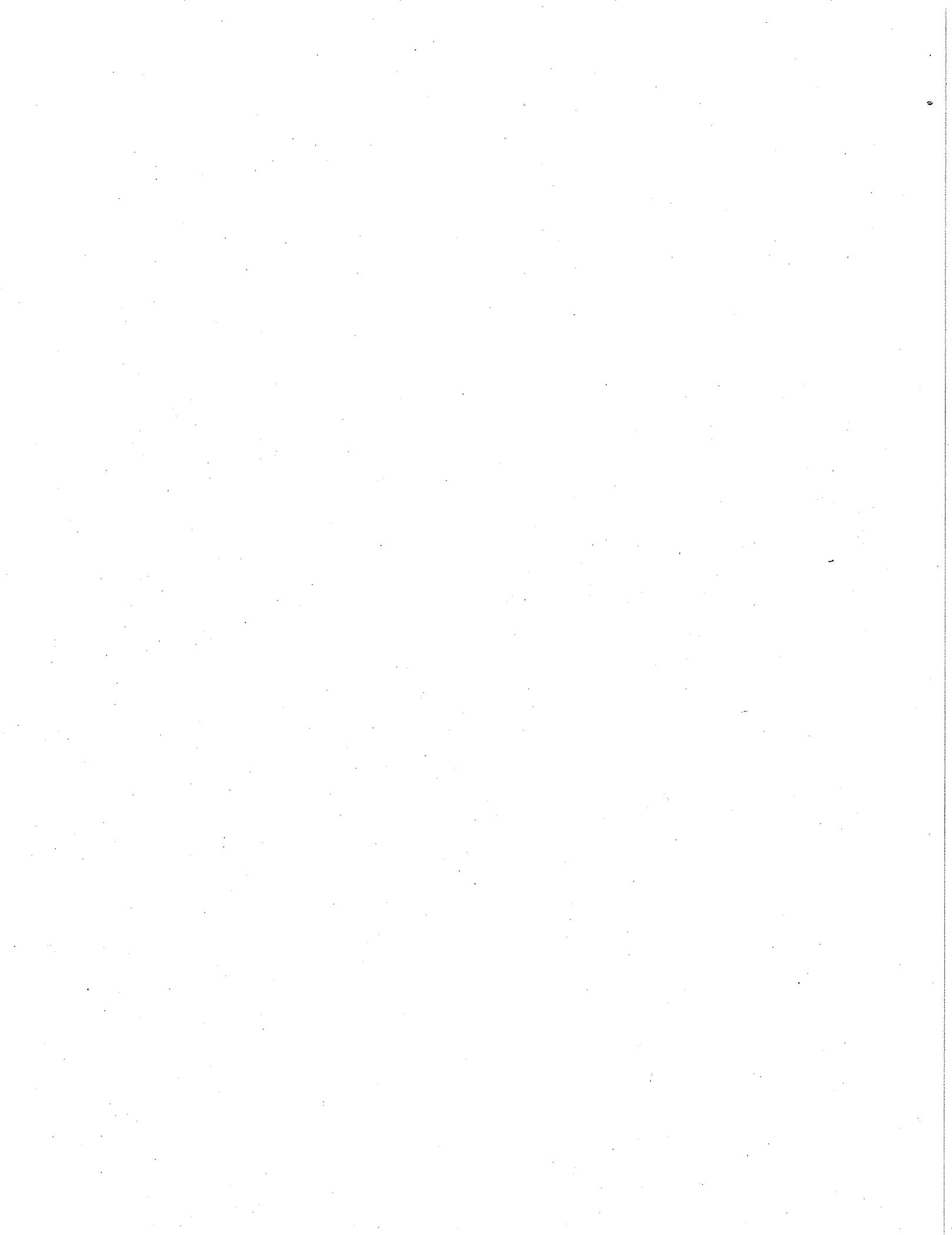
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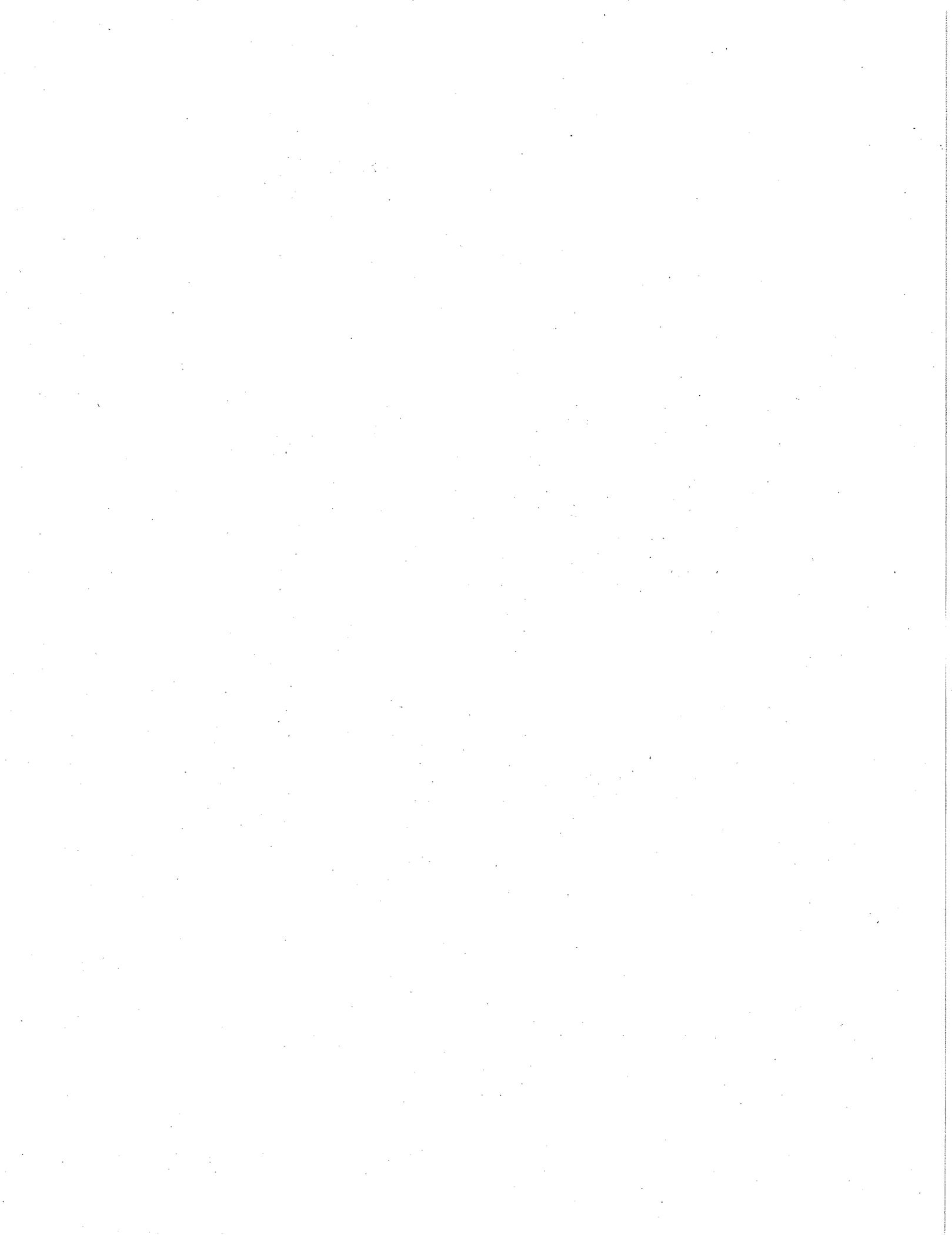
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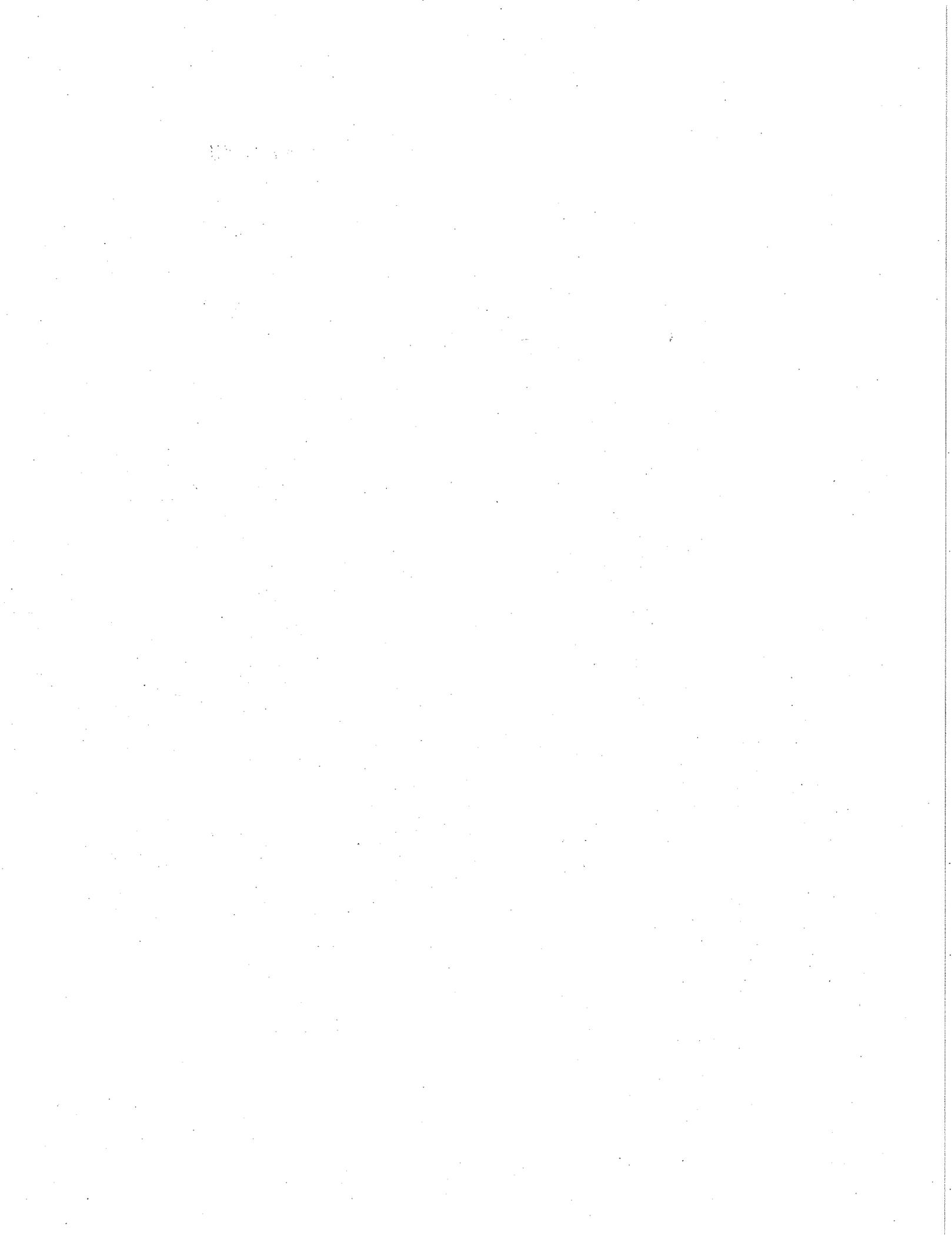
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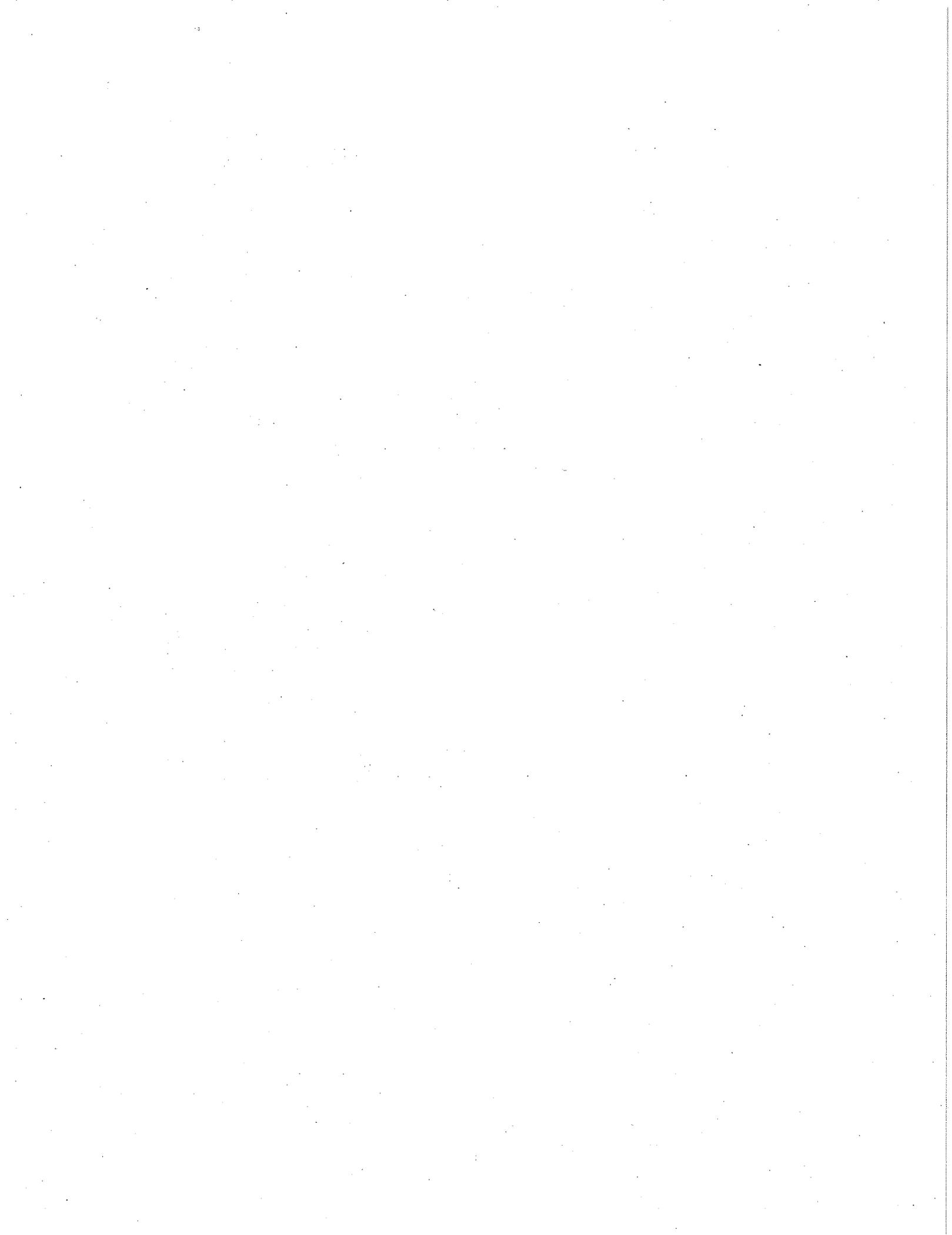
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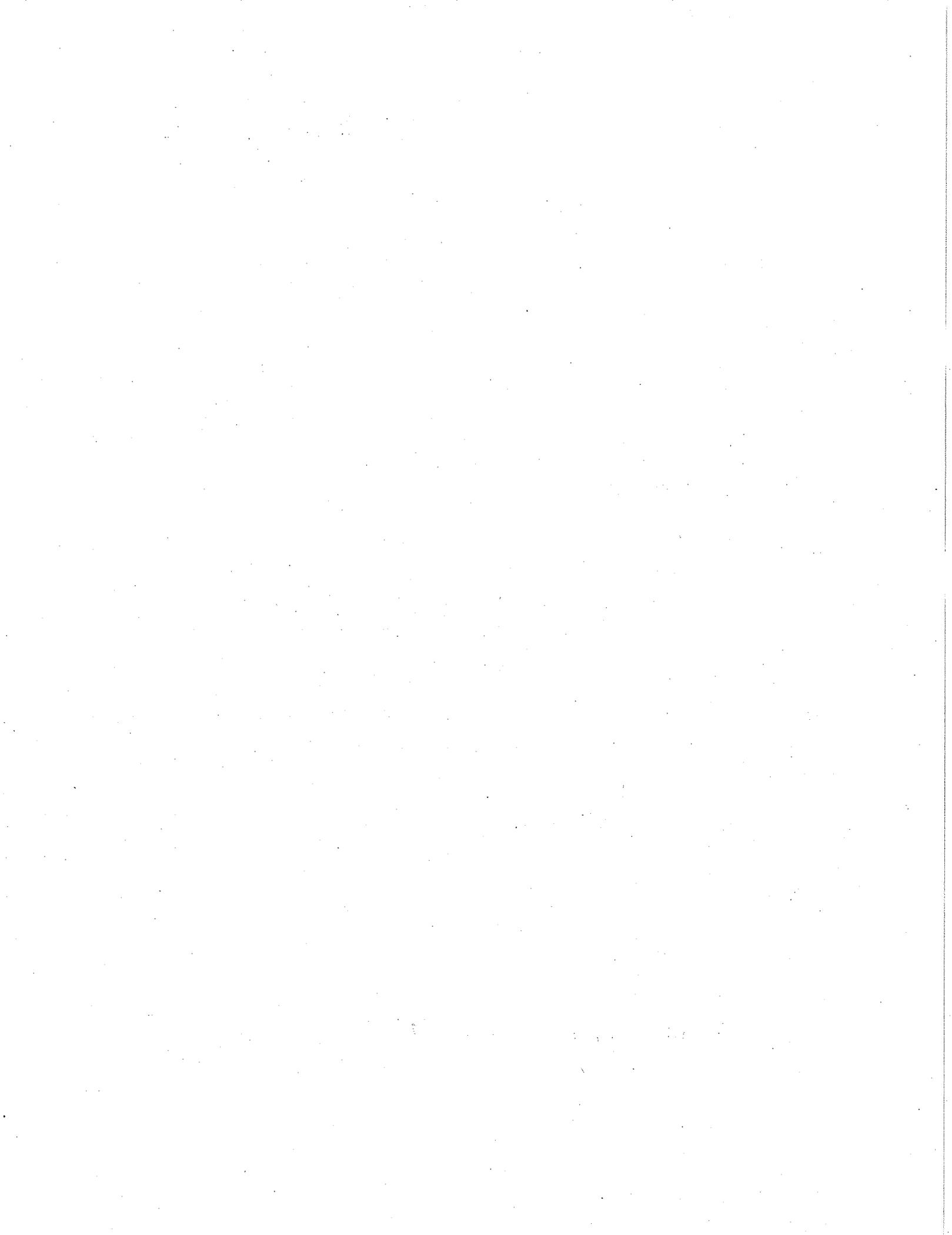
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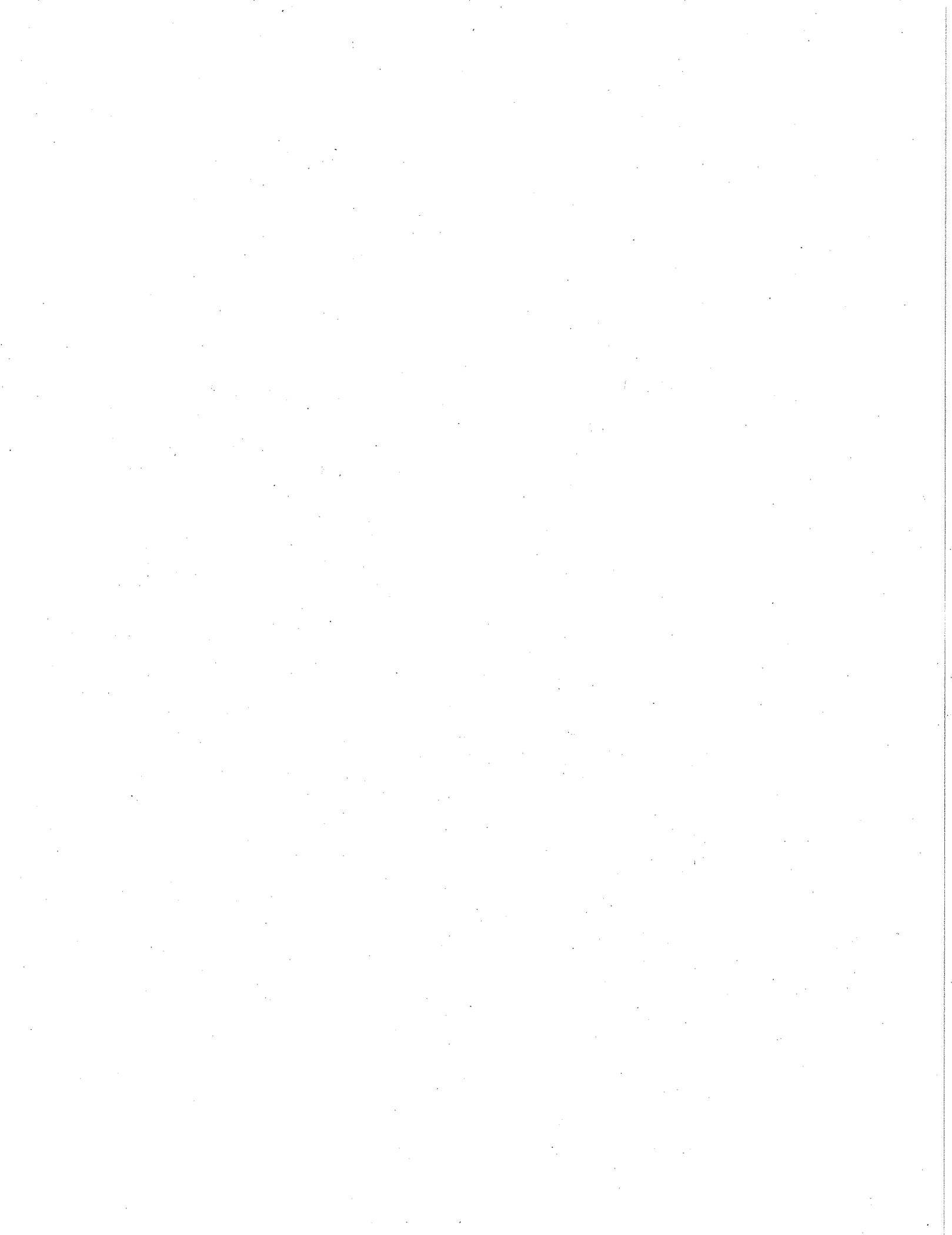
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