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## URGENT WATER and MINING ACTION ISSUES

Call the Governor's office and ask why nothing is being done about water in Arizona. Governor Napolitano held a "water listening forum" in 2004. Nothing has been done since. Also, mention urgent the Arizona mining issues below, especially the Grand Canyon and Land Exchange Act.

**Telephone** (602) 542-4331 **Toll Free** 1-(800) 253-0883 **Fax** (602) 542-1381

### **OPPOSE exploration for uranium on North Rim of Grand Canyon:**

Mike Williams, Supervisor  
Kaibab National Forest  
(928) 635-8200

Call Governor and Congress persons to express your outrage at this destruction of our national heritage. Exploration is not necessary if they cannot mine the territory—and exploration drills are destructive also! Last week the Governor "requested" a halt to the drills. A law suit has been filed, against the Forest Service for violating the National Environmental Policy Act by giving approval to Vane Minerals Group to drill up to 39 exploration holes at seven locations.

### **Environmental Impact hearing on Rosemont mine scheduled:**

Ms. Jeanine A. Derby, Supervisor  
USDA, Coronado National Forest  
(520) 388-8300

The Forest Service encourages public participation in the EIS process on environmental and social impact. Three initial public open-house meetings are scheduled this month, as follows:

1. March 18, 2008, Pima Community College Desert Vista Campus, Tucson
2. March 19, 2008, Canoa Hills Recreation Center, Green Valley, Arizona,
3. March 20, 2008, Patagonia Union High School, Patagonia

Written comments are also accepted through April 18.

[www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/forest/news/2008/rosemont-noi-news-release%20031108.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/forest/news/2008/rosemont-noi-news-release%20031108.pdf)

### **Mining Law Reform:**

Bill has passed in the House, and will be coming up in the U.S. Senate. Contact AZ senators and the Senators in other states you have family and friends who don't know about the devastation of mining. Inform them so they can inform their Senators. We don't want the House Bill watered down by the Senate!

[www.mining-law-reform.info](http://www.mining-law-reform.info)

Jon Kyl (Tucson 575-8633) (202)224-4521; John McCain (Tucson 670-6334) (202)224-2235

### **Land Exchange Act:**

Protect Oak Flats and Apache Leap region from mining by a partnership of the two mining companies with the worst possible environmental records on the planet (including U.S.). This act will allow them to avoid the environmental process mandated on public land. Bill has not passed the House, but was introduced by Kyl and McCain in the Senate last year.

For full details [www.mining-law-reform.info/IndexSup.htm](http://www.mining-law-reform.info/IndexSup.htm)

Ed Pastor (202) 225-4065; Raul Grijalva (Tucson 622-6788) (202) 225-2436

### **Keep informed on local water issues:**

**Water Facts:** Every Monday at 6:30 pm on Access Tucson channel 72 or Internet:  
[www.accesstucson.org](http://www.accesstucson.org), click on now playing.

**Groundwater Awareness League website:** [www.g-a-l.info](http://www.g-a-l.info)

**Information on local mining issues website:** [www.SavetheSantaCruzAquifer.info](http://www.SavetheSantaCruzAquifer.info)

Contact info for U.S. Congress persons: <http://w2.eff.org/congress>

**Washington offices, toll free:** 1-800-828-0498 or 1-866-220-0044 (9-5 EST)

**Information furnished by Groundwater Awareness League, Inc. Contact:** 520/207-6506; [info@g-a-l.info](mailto:info@g-a-l.info)  
*An on-line copy of this report with hot links is available on [www.g-a-l.info](http://www.g-a-l.info)*

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Dear Forest Service,

We are writing you to protest the proposal plans to open mines in the Davidson Canyon area along Highway 83. We purchased property off Highway 83, 7 years ago, and are almost done building our dream house. Only to find that we have to fight for our rights as land owners, and concerned citizens, to protect southern Arizona's natural desert areas. We strongly protest these mines because of the many ways in which they will negatively affect, not just our property, but all the communities in the surrounding areas. Here is a list of concerns that we share with our neighbors:

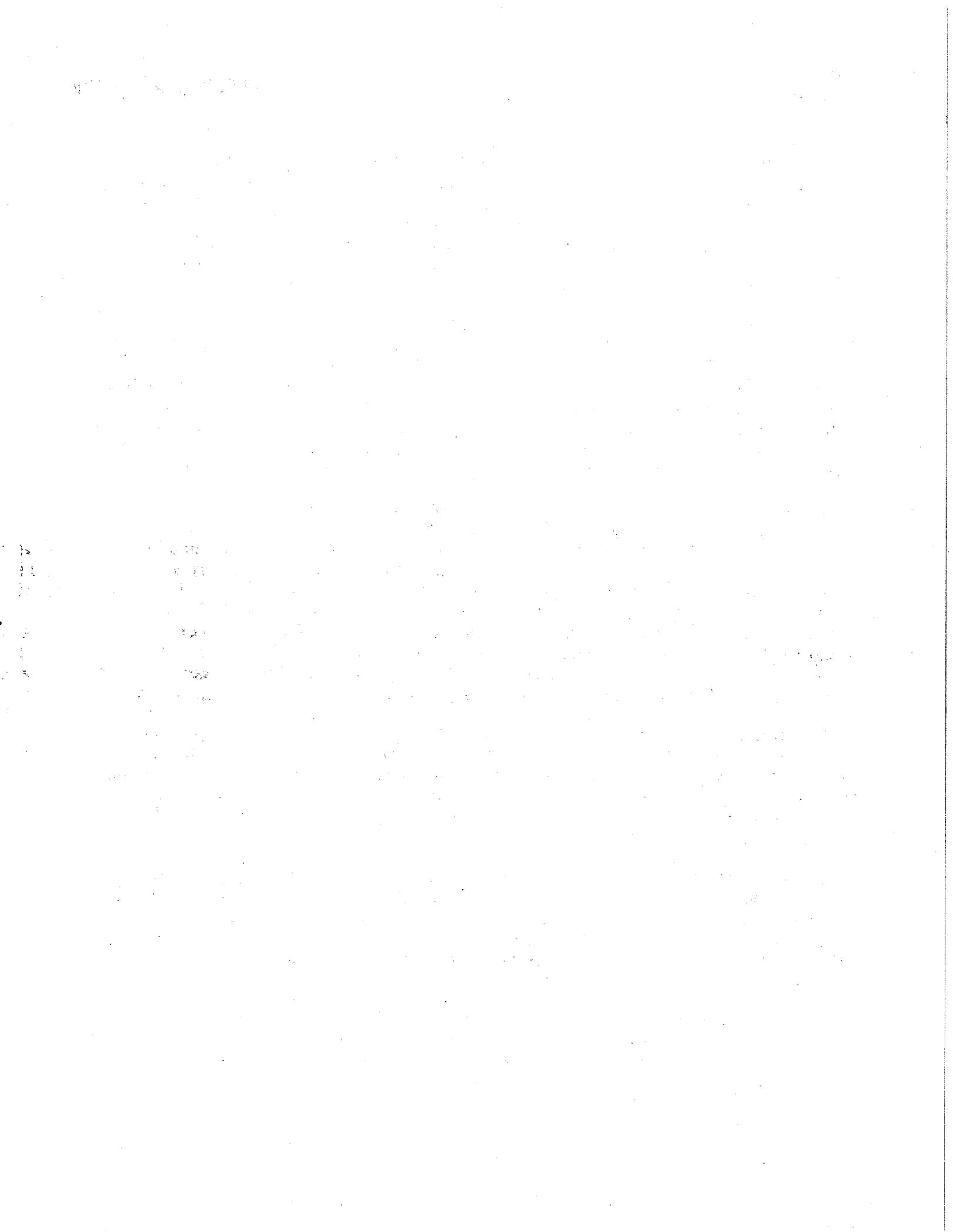
1. The water drawn from the wells the mine will need, will lower the water table, and cause our well to run dry, or not produce enough water. I share a well with my neighbor, and it cost us \$25,000 to put in. This represents a significant investment which could be at risk of supporting our households. We can't afford to drill another well. The pump is at 750 feet, and the well is 840 feet. I doubt very much that we could possibly go any deeper. The alternative of trucking in water is time consuming and expensive. Some of the mines are planned upstream of us and could easily take out enough water to dry up our well. We will then have to take them to court and prove they harmed us and that is expensive too!

2. The mine tailing will cause the aquifer to become poisoned with minerals leaching from the tailings. The mining process will alter the geography of the land and allow water to leach quickly through rock that it would normally go through slowly or not at all. This will add additional minerals which could significantly reduce our water quality or become poisonous. We will have to be testing our water continuously to detect this, who will bare the cost of this continuous testing?. What will be done when this contamination is detected? We have to go to court to prove they affected it and who will bear the cost of that lawsuit? Will the mine supply good quality water into our homes for free? for the whole Davidson Canyon area? There are at least 50 households within 2 miles of us that will be affected and that is a small part of the Davidson Canyon area.

3. The quiet of the surrounding area will be disturbed by the truck traffic, and blasting from the mine. We are moving from the City of Tucson to escape the din of the city and we do not want to end up with listening to the mine truck traffic all day and night. It is so quiet out there now you can hear a single truck traveling along Highway 83 at night even though we are 1/4 mile from the road. There is no amount of compensation that will replace what we will lose when operations of these mines starts up.

4. The loss of our dark night sky. We are amateur astronomers and we are building our house out here to escape the city lights. We have built an observatory out there to enjoy the night sky at a cost of \$8,000. This is material cost, I built it myself with help from friends. The mine is planned to be a 24/7 operation and will have lights on at night spoiling our viewing. Again, there is no payment that will replace what we will lose when this happens.

5. We have only one road to get in/out of our property, Highway 83. Highway 83 is a narrow, 2 lane blacktop road, with no shoulders. Adding the mine traffic on the road will increase the amount of pollution from vehicles, increase road hazards because of constant traffic wearing down the road, and again, noise levels of the area. Who is going to pay for the maintenance of the road? I sure don't want it coming out of my tax dollars when I oppose these proposals in the first place!



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6. We have to obey the Pima County Hillside Development Ordances for construction of our house, and we were glad to do so to protect the environment in which we live. This affected our outside lighting, the amount of area we can clear, the color of the house, etc. This is not consistent with the rules the mine has to adhere to. How come the mines are allowed to light the area at night, cause great disturbance to the ground and area around the mine, clearing large areas of the ground. This is completely inconsistent with the rules that we had to adhere to building a single family residential home! Why are they allowed to violate the rules that preserve the beauty of the area. This is clearly a double standard!

7. The Davidson Canyon area is a natural riparian area and Highway 83 is designated as a scenic byway by the state of Arizona. All of this will be affected and endangered by allowing mines in this area. Why is this being allowed? These types of areas are rare in SE Arizona, I would think they are protected from any kind of development that threatens their existence.

8. The other reason we purchased and built in this area is because the air quality is very good in and around the Canyon. The skies are noticeably bluer and clearer than down in Tucson due to less dust in the sky, and pollution from vehicles. I have significant allergies and I am noticeably less bothered when out there. A mine will be constantly raising dust and reducing our air quality. Will we have to go to court to prove our loss? Again, there is no payment that will replace what we will lose.

9. What is going to happen to my property values, as well as my neighbors? We have our whole life savings tied up in our house, and if we have to sell in the future, who will want to live by a mine, with it's high traffic, and pollution?

In summary, we are concerned for the negative impact on the environment, cost of living, economical burdens, quality of life, and lowering property values these mines will cause! If these mines go in, there is no way you can tell me that these things will not occur. We already have other communities who experience the very affects that I listed above. Tucson also has the evidence of empty mines and the eye sores that the mining companies left behind. Why are you so quick to sell out your community for a quick buck, and sacrifice the beauty of the areas that will be raped, ravaged and left for the State and the burden of the citizens to clean up. These areas will never be the same! People come here from all over to experience southern Arizona's unique desert landscapes. We love the idea of living off a scenic highway, please don't take that away from us!

Concerned Homeowners,  
CHARLOTTE COOK  
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520-777-4877



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For the Fire District:

Sonoita Highway is not in a Fire District, but it is in Corona De Tucson's Response Area. Historically, the mines in the area have not reimbursed the Corona De Tucson Fire Department after it has responded to calls. (site examples) Given the high probability of increased traffic accidents if the mine is approved, it is suggested that the Forest Service require Rosemont Mine pay for a contract along the entire length of Sonoita Highway 83 Interstate 10 to the Rosemont access road, pay for additional on call staff, pay for an additional truck (etc, etc and things I do know that a fire station needs) prior to even considering acceptance of the EIS.

For the Davidson Canyon and Cumulative Impacts.

Given that the State of Arizona has recently issued a lease to Cal Portland to mine in the Davidson Canyon south of the proposed Rosemont location and is currently in negotiations with the Seel Mine, and given that Rosemont intends to block Barrel Canyon with tailings, which feeds the Davidson, how does the Forest intend to have Rosemont mitigate the impact to the Upper Santa Cruz and Cienega Watersheds from the loss of surface water? If Rosemont allows water to run through, who will monitor the quality of the water to assure that it is safe? Who will monitor the course ways to assure that the contours and pathways are not changed? Additionally, how does the Forest Service intend to have Rosemont mitigate the impact of these reasonably foreseeable events and their cumulative impacts on the many residential wells? (We need to get a count of how many residential wells there are in our area downstream) As these wells are not in the Santa Cruz aquifer, the actions by Rosemont to recharge in the Santa Cruz will not have an impact.

Economic Impacts-

How much time we will lose with extra commute time on Sonoita Highway-

Cost when our windshields are chipped, even if the loads are tarped, there will be debris in the semi tires or when people try to pass.

Cumulative economic property value loss if three mines are in the area.

Who will re-drill the wells if they run dry?

Loss to Heritage and Eco-Tourism (see the Economic Effects of the Rosemont Mine --put out by the Sonoran Institute).

How much will it cost if you have to sedate your horses if they are nervous by having to ride next to all of those ore trucks on Sonoita Highway?

Even if it is extra time to calm them down at your location when you arrive. What is the cost of your investment if your horse is injured or killed in an accident on Sonoita Highway because you have three mines using that road?

Vail School District Impacts:

Given the increased chance of accidents on Sonoita highway, will the Forest Service require Rosemont to carry a insurance rider policy on the Vail Buses? Will the Forest Service require Rosemont to update all of the bus radios which do not work effectively on Old Sonoita Highway? Cell phones generally do not work in the majority of the road along Sonoita Highway, does the Forest Service intend to require Rosemont build cell towers in strategic locations so that the school can notify parents when an accident occurs while the parents are waiting at a bus stop to pick up his/her child? Given that the equipment needed to work at the mine often requires DPS and lead vehicles and have no set schedules, there is no way to notify parents or bus drivers who pick up and drop off children along Sonoita Highway. How does the Forest Service intend to have Rosemont mitigate the loss of time parents and student suffer when they are late to work or class because they have to wait for wide loads. Along those same lines, more cell towers would be useful. If these cell towers are installed, who would conduct the EIS for those operations? Does the Forest Service intend to have Rosemont install warning signs or bus lights along Sonoita Highway? How will this work with the Scenic Highway Designation? (etc etc.). Given that the schools that service the residents of this area (Highway 83-Interstate 10 between the Vail Wentworth Exit and Sonoita Highway Exit) have the highest number of free and reduced lunches (Sycamore, Corona, Acacia, OVMS) how does Rosemont intend to mitigate the environmental justice issues? (I did not even address the specific school costs-I need help with those)

Arizona Trail

Cost the Ratepayers of TEP-if TEP is putting in a substation to feed Rosemont and a 138 lines, who bears that cost?

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COMMENT:

I am primarily concerned about the design and implementation of a suitable monitoring plan which addresses the following issues:
(a) quantity and quality (chemical mineralogical biological) of any groundwater resources underlying the proposed project or aquifer accessible to the project
(b) air quality - especially the chemical (mainly heavy metals and organics) in particulate matter from direct or fugitive emissions at the project sites and environs
(c) potential groundwater and landscape contamination - especially related to arsenic, lead, thorium and uranium
(d) impacts of any road building activities to make the project site accessible.

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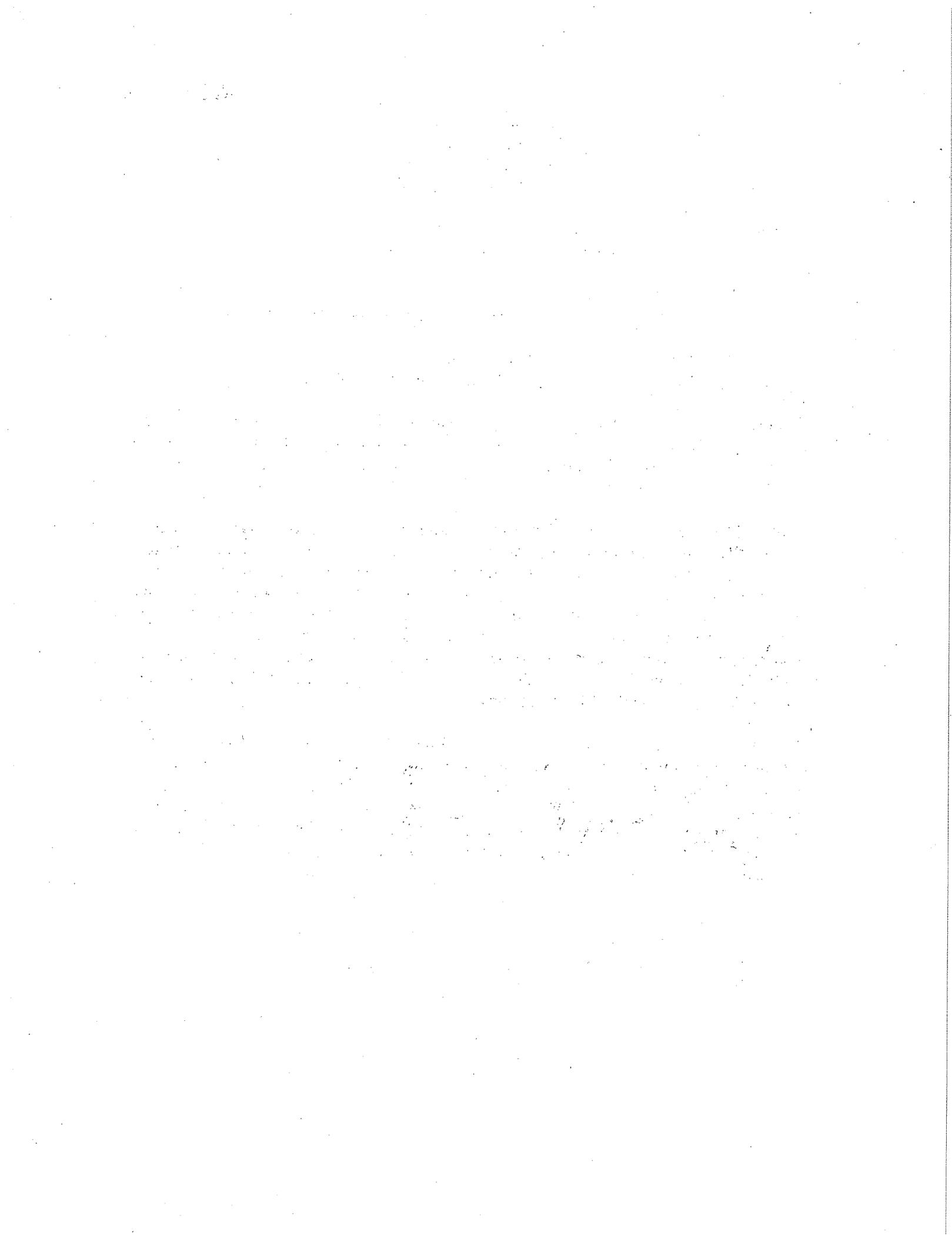
Vanderbilt University—MS  
Major: water resources Minors: molecular biology, chemistry

University of Pennsylvania—PhD  
Major: water resources Minors: physiology, statistics

**Experience: 2006 – present: Principal, Joel L Fisher LLC.** Owner of a small consulting firm which performs environmental modeling and auditing and statistical analysis of air quality and water quality data for selected clients. Registered for business in Arizona.

**1980 – 2006: Environmental Advisor to United States Commissioners, and Senior United States Scientist** of the International Joint Commission for the United States and Canada (a treaty organization which regulates and advises on the use of air and water resources associated with the boundary region of both countries). Advised on issues of air pollution, effects of chemicals on animals and humans, mathematical and statistical ecology, and the behavior of border aquatic ecosystems, research associated with these issues, acted as a treaty compliance officer on selected projects of both countries. From 1995 through 2006, I also held the title of Senior United States Scientist of the Commission. **I have retired from this position.**

**1991-1993** (contemporaneously with previous position): **Professor of Chemistry at the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.** (New York) Taught courses in chemistry and molecular biology at all levels from freshman through graduate student including: accelerated basic chemistry (a one semester accelerated version of elementary college chemistry); physical chemistry; quantum chemistry and chemical physics; inorganic chemistry; biochemistry; cell physiology and microbiology.



**Other Work Experience:**

**1972-1980 Research Physical Sciences Administrator at the United States Environmental Protection Agency** – I worked at USEPA since the creation of the agency as a staff research scientist. My accomplishments included participating in the biological surveys of Alaskan rivers along the route of the Alaska pipeline; wrote, edited or coordinated many of the scientific documents associated with the development of the national (US) environmental regulations on power plant pollution from heated waters; worked on problems of groundwater geochemistry and microbiology; one of the five charter Executive Secretaries of the EPA Science Advisory Board.

**Pre: 1972 US Department of Interior: research chemical engineer:** helped set up the research grant and contract program of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration when the group split off from the United States Public Health Service; **US Department of Defense: research chemical engineer:** worked on problems of manufacture and environmental disposal of complex chemical munitions.

**Other Information:**

**Language skills** French, Czech, Slovak (highly educated levels)

**Honorably Discharged Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States**

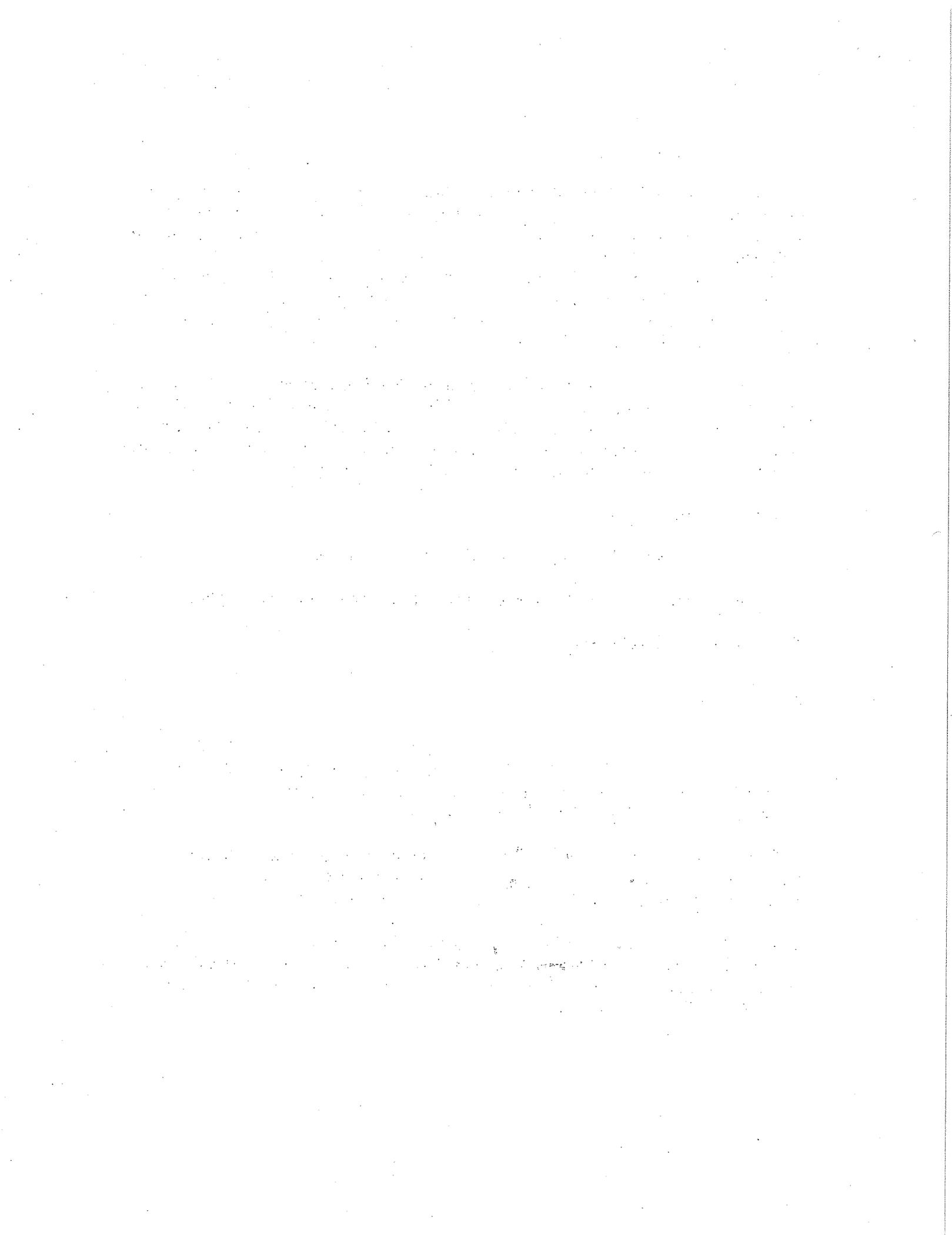
**Married, two children**

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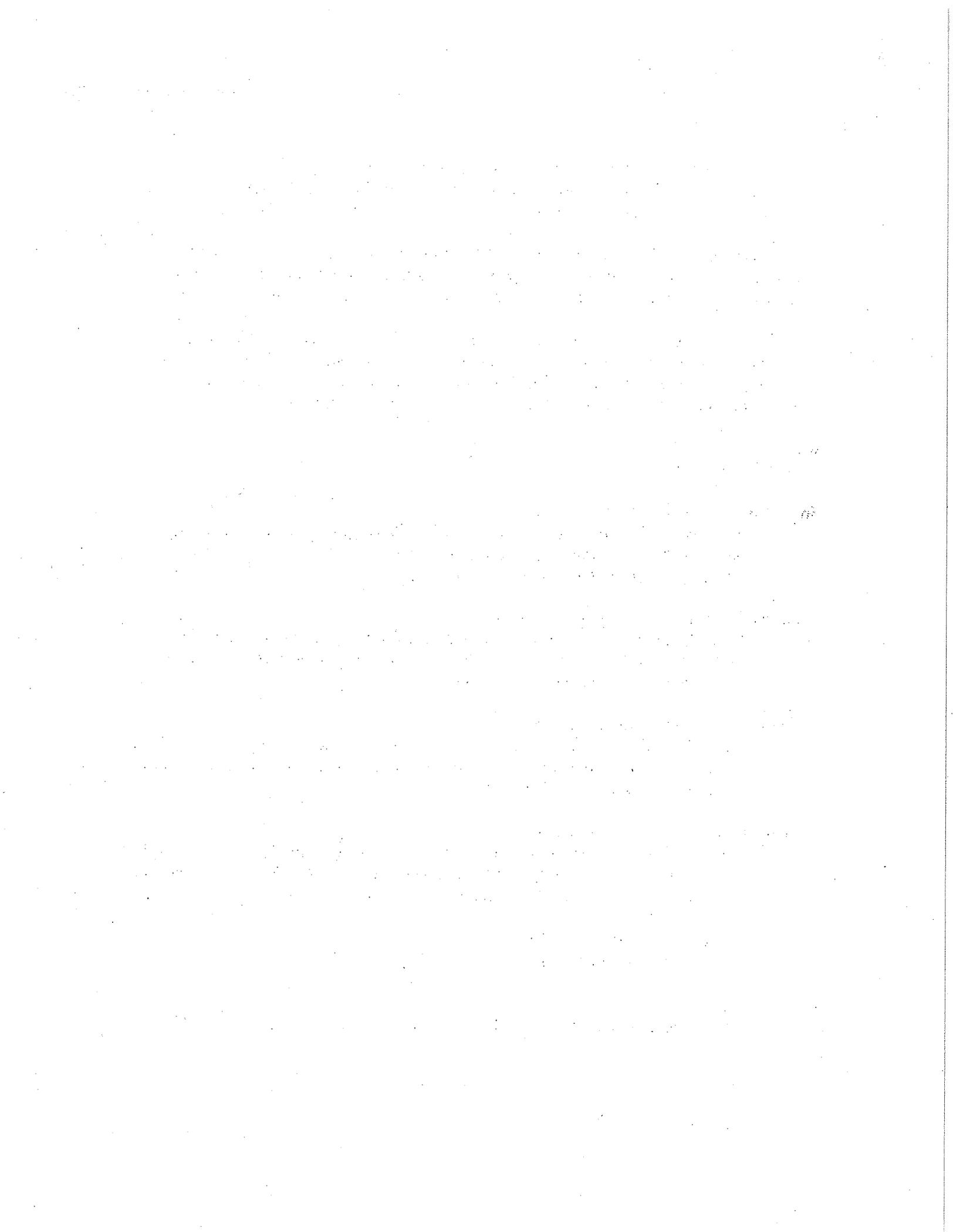
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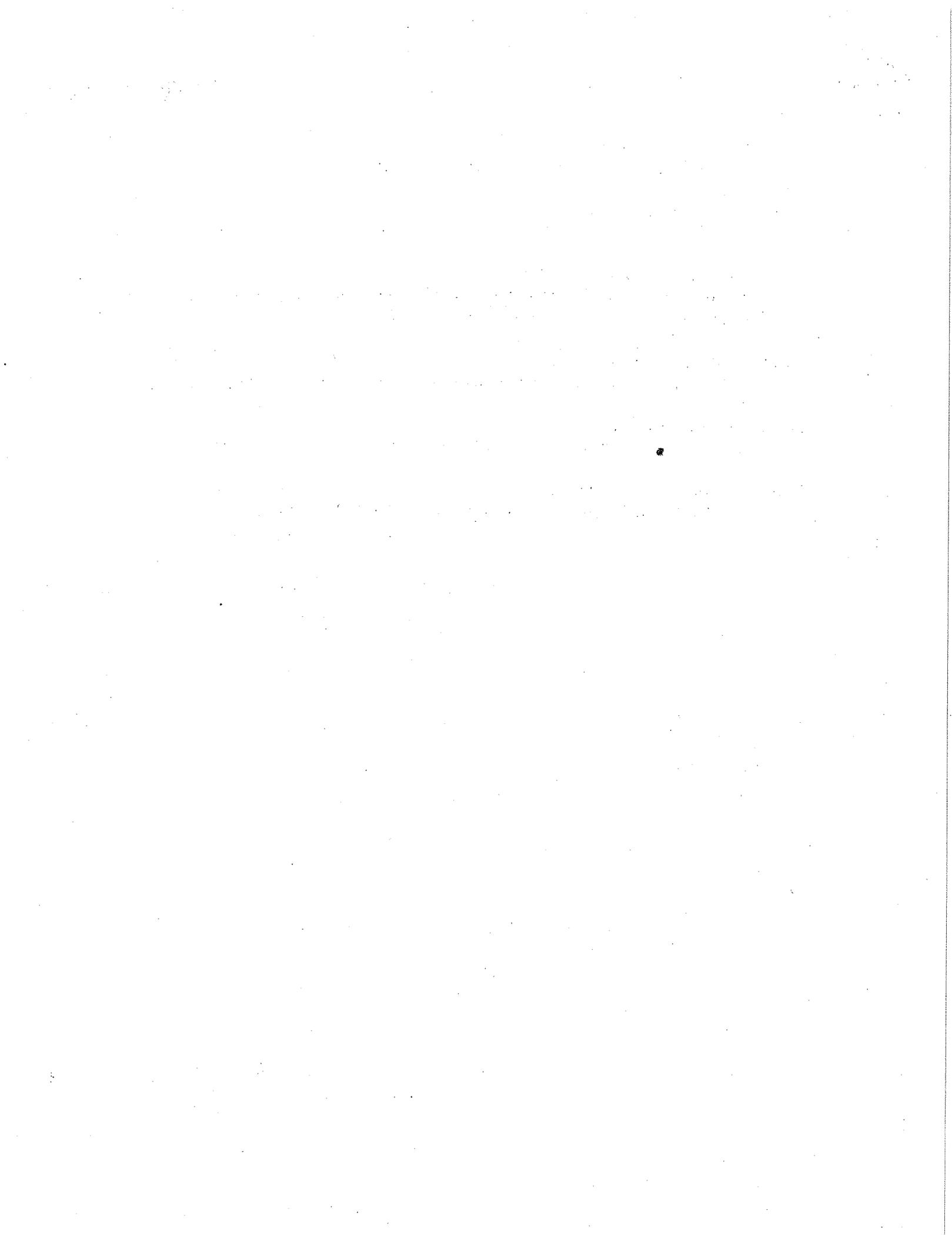
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COMMENT:

My husband and I own a beautiful 36-acre property approx. 4.5 miles south of the proposed mine site. We were hoping to retire to this property but now are deeply concerned about many of the impacts of the mine on the local environment, and on our property specifically. Our primary concerns:

- ① The dewatering of the pit, which will go 2,200 - 2,700 feet below the current elevation - will this draw down the aquifer(s) in the vicinity, and how far down. <sup>over</sup> how great an area will the water be drawn. Our well, drilled in Aug. of 2006, goes down 460'. If it goes dry, we will not be able to live on our property, nor will we be able to sell it (see addl comment pg. 2)
- ② Seismic activities and driveability of AZ 83, as well as safety issues.
- ③ noise (we chose our property (after 2 years of looking) because it is serenely, supremely quiet. What kinds of noise (from blasting, heavy vehicle moving, etc.) will be produced and how far away will it be heard)
- ④ Wildlife: There is abundant wildlife on our property (hawks, deer, pronghorn, etc.); will the Rosemont Mine development and operation affect local wildlife; how?

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(Continued) If our well were drawn down substantially by the mine development and/or activity, would Rosemont Mining Co./Augusta Resources be required to mitigate this impact? How? Would they be required to compensate for our damages (\$1,000,000+)? By what mechanism?

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COMMENT:

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NAME: ELIZABETH WEBB

EMAIL: rineconvalleyis@hotmail.com

ADDRESS: 13105-2 E. Colossal Cave Rd.
Dund AZ 85244

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March 18<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Elizabeth Buchroeder-Webb  
13105-2 E. Colossal Cave Rd.  
Vail, AZ 85641

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Rosemont Copper Project EIS Initial Comments:

These are initial comments and I reserve the right to add additional comments within the stated 30 day period commencing March 12, 2008.

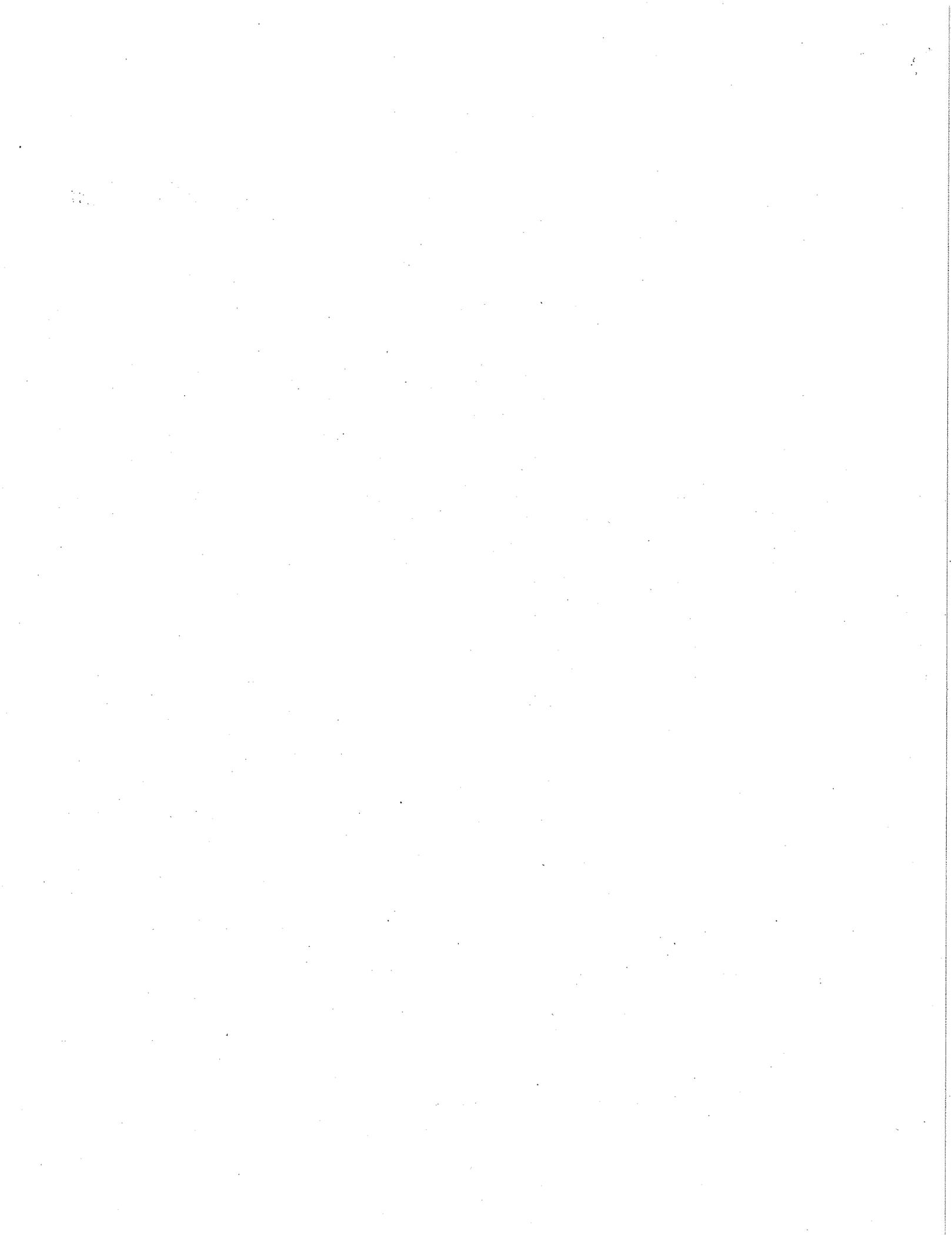
This project by its very nature is extremely sensitive. There is a large possibility for conflict of interest. This was evidenced by the initial exclusion of an area which would feel direct impacts of this project should it go forward from being engaged in an open public forum during the initial 30 day scoping period. Although that particular issue has now been resolved, it makes one wonder if it has set the tone for this entire process which may take years.

1. It is my belief that out of fairness to all of the surrounding communities who will be impacted by this project, to include those in Santa Cruz, Pima and Cochise Counties, more specifically the communities who would be immediately and directly impacted by the proposed project (Vail and Sonoita) that the Coronado National Forest should be excused as the lead agency on this project, ask another lead agency to be named and ask to be named as a cooperating agency.

2. Additionally, I believe the following agencies should be given invitation as cooperating agencies throughout this process if they have not already been asked.

1. ADOT –Sonoita Highway 83 is an ADOT road and will be severely impacted by this project and other cumulative impacts in the area. To exclude ADOT as a cooperating agency would be sheer negligence.
2. Border Patrol Sonoita Highway and the outlying feeders are frequented by undocumented workers.
3. The Arizona Corporation Commission- As stated in the Forest Service NOIS “Projected related activities to be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to, the following: ... Construction and operation of infrastructure such as their corridors on NFS lands”. The CEC process for these facilities is long and arduous and it is appropriate to invite the ACC.
4. The Rincon Institute- This not for profit agency is the closest local agency with expertise on the Cienega Watershed/Cienega Corridor which will experience direct impacts if the proposed project is approved

This list is not comprehensive, <sup>neither</sup> ~~not~~ is the following:



A list of "interested parties" and community leaders who should be considered for public input from the Vail/Cienega Corridor as follows: (please feel free to contact me if you need addresses or phone numbers)-again, not comprehensive

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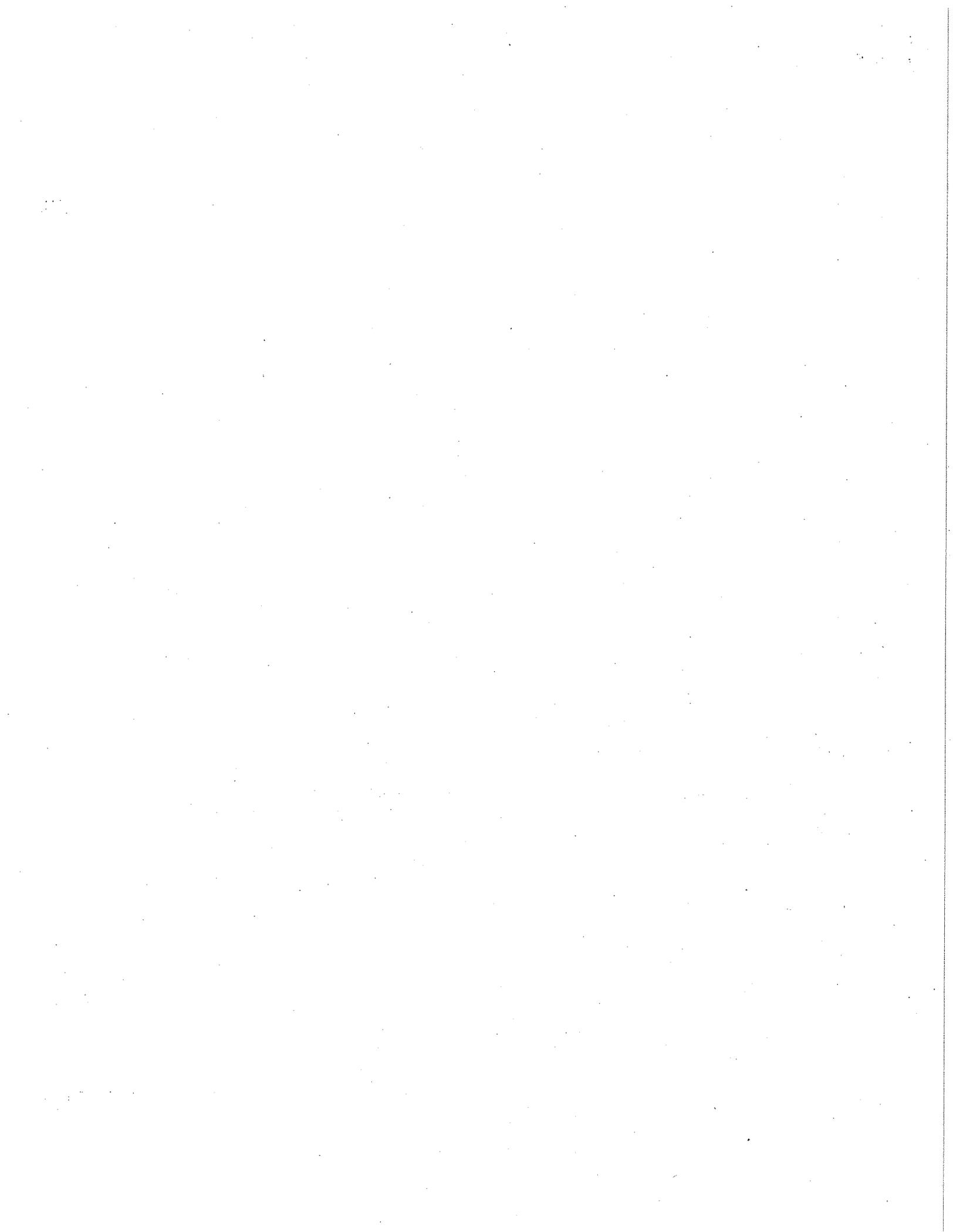
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Santa Rita Neighborhood Association  
Hilton Ranch Neighborhood Association  
Empire-Fagan Coalition  
A. W. Marris Development  
Andrada Ranch  
Vail C.A.R.E.S. Community Action Board  
Vail Unified School District  
Vail Education Foundation  
Rincon Valley Fire Department  
Corona De Tucson Fire Department  
Highway Patrol  
Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Rincon Valley Coalition  
Cienega Watershed Board  
Cienega Corridor Conservation Council  
Colossal Cave Mountain Park  
South East Business Alliance  
Cienega Rotary  
Local businesses  
Local churches  
Local homeowner's associations  
Local developers  
Local ranchers  
The Optimist Club

4.

Additionally, while the Census Data may indicate that the area does not present significant Environmental Justice issues, I would suggest that during the process the lead agency investigate the region more thoroughly at the "ground level", especially given the number of cumulative impacts in the region.. There are many modest manufactured home communities in rural pockets along Sonoita Highway 83 and into the hills, unseen from the roadway. Also, keep in mind that this project will have impacts to the south into Santa Cruz County where Environmental Justice will address ethnicity as well as socioeconomic conditions.

Information taken from the CEQ NEPA Regs Handbook "1. Scoping  
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*information becomes available.* 26. Any such determination, as well as the basis for the determination, should be more substantively addressed in the appropriate NEPA documents and communicated as appropriate during the NEPA process. If an agency identifies any potentially affected minority populations, low-income populations, or Indian tribes, the agency should develop a strategy for effective public involvement in the agency's determination of the scope of the NEPA analysis. If an agency identifies any potentially affected minority populations, low-income populations, or Indian tribes, the agency should develop a strategy for effective public involvement in the agency's determination of the scope of the NEPA analysis. Customary agency practices for notifying the public of a proposed action and subsequent scoping and public events may be enhanced through better use of local resources, community and other nongovernmental organizations, and locally targeted media. "

"The following steps may be considered, as appropriate, in developing an innovative strategy for effective public participation:

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- | Translation of major documents (or summaries thereof), provision of translators at meetings, or other efforts as appropriate to ensure that limited-English speakers potentially affected by a proposed action have an understanding of the proposed action and its potential impacts;
- | Provision of opportunities for limited-English speaking members of the affected public to provide comments throughout the NEPA process;
- | Provision of opportunities for public participation through means other than written communication, such as personal interviews or use of audio or video recording devices to capture oral comments;
- | Use of periodic newsletters or summaries to provide updates on the NEPA process to keep the public informed;
- | Use of different meeting sizes or formats, or variation on the type and number of media used, so that communications are tailored to the particular community or population;
- | Circulation or creation of specialized materials that reflect the concerns and sensitivities of particular populations such as information about risks specific to subsistence consumers of fish, vegetation, or wildlife;
- | **Use of locations and facilities that are local, convenient, and accessible to the disabled, low-income and minority communities, and Indian tribes;** and
- | Assistance to hearing-impaired or sight-impaired individuals.

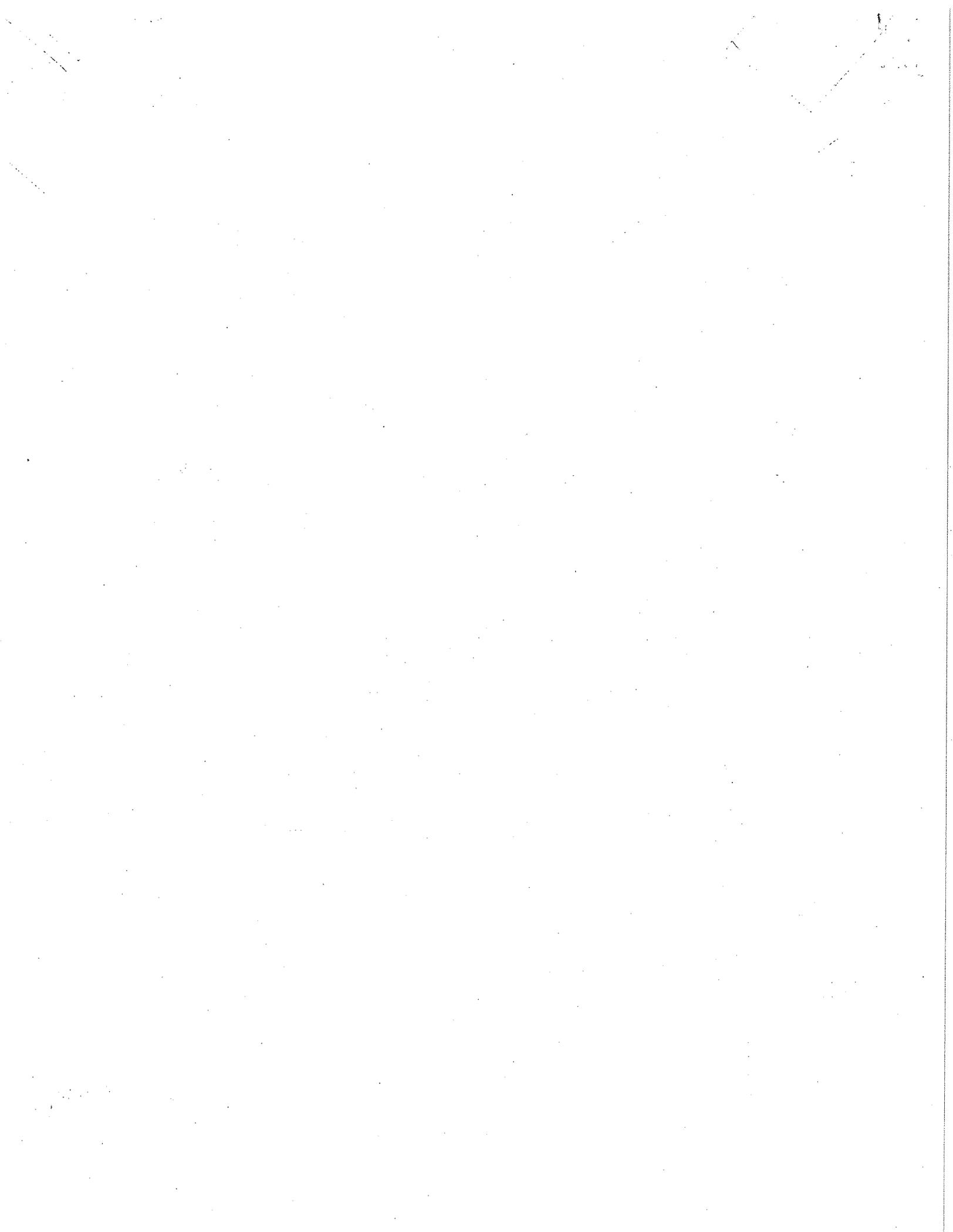
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<http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/NEPA/regs/ej/justice.pdf>

S. As a community volunteer, I welcome the opportunity to work with the lead agency to identify areas of concern. I am one of many team leaders in our diverse region and hope the process will work more efficiently in the future.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Webb  
Vail Team Leader

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COMMENT: 1) I am in 100% support of this project and sincerely hope it goes forward. Keeping the U.S. a superpower means industry and natural resource exploitation not retail sales and tourism.

2) I drive an Acid truck for B.J. Cecil trucking. I notice that the road out to silverbell is not maintained beyond purple house road. This road is now dangerous and the county got the tax money but did not follow through on their maintenance commitments. - so the point - what steps will be taken to ensure adequate maintenance of transportation infrastructure over the lifespan of this mine?

3) Everyone wants to be the last person to move to AZ and carry on about "the view" - I personally think this project will have no imp act at all on long term

NAME: Eric Olson
EMAIL: eololson@cox.net
ADDRESS: 6808 E. Cooper St
Tucson, AZ 85710

visual beauty of the area and have no concern about the pit or the associated tailings piles.

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COMMENT:

My name  
Left Seattle 1972, worked in underground mines  
in Arizona, New Mexico & Colorado  
San Manuel shut down, much to my disappointment & disgust

The ore body @ Rosemont will be mined if Arango was  
prohibited from mining it, & Augusta can be then sooner  
or later, some co. from some other foreign country -  
Grupo from Mexico, BHP <sup>from Australia</sup> - <sup>from Japan</sup> Mitsubishi, the Chinese  
mining monopoly, will pull that copper out of the ground.

My only objection is to the fact that no United States  
co. is able to mine Rosemont - laws, taxation & regu-  
lation have been skewed dramatically to favor foreign companies  
exploitation of our ~~mineral~~ resources.

NAME: ERIC V. GONNASON

EMAIL: ericvgonnason@aol.com

ADDRESS: 1025 W. LOS ALAMOS  
TU AZ 85704

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Due to severe negative impacts of the Rosemont mine the project should be denied at this time. An environmental impact study is not required to see the damage the mine, tailings, mill, leaching and tailings pond would have ~~would~~ <sup>caused</sup> environmentally.

NAME: DONALD L PIERSON

EMAIL: JPIER387@AOL.COM

ADDRESS: 5880 S. HOPDOWN LANE TUCSON, AZ 85746

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COMMENT:

I believe that all that can be done to protect the environment will be done by Rosemont. I also know that EPA and other agencies are consistently check on the mines to make sure everything is right.

We need this long term boost to the economy and this will help so many many people to get back some sort of stability to their lives.

NAME: Debbie Day

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1310 Wilkjo Way #218

Tucson, AZ 85713

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COMMENT: I think the mine is a good thing. It will bring lots of job opp. and more money for the state of AZ.

NAME: April Brealey

EMAIL: dark-angel-62185@yahoo.com

ADDRESS:

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COMMENT:

The per capita consumption of Cu = > 22 lbs/yr or > 1500# in a person's lifetime. We need Cu to survive. Today's technology allows us to develop our precious resources with little if any, impacts to the environment. With modern reclamation mined land can be returned to a future use comparable to greater than what it was before. Cu is where you find it & we must use it where we find it to sustain our existence. Pima Co. needs this mine and the high paying jobs it will create to sustain our economy. The taxes, salaries, and associated indirect economic values are far greater than we could replace.

NAME: Stu Bengson

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 2548 W. Cazzane Circle Tucson 85741

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COMMENT: how much do we get paid hourly? how long will it be mining for? more jobs!! more money

NAME: Robert Antkunnisse

EMAIL: magpimp020@yahoo

ADDRESS: 1927 W Valinca

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COMMENT:

It will bring job to both regions that is needed.

NAME: ANTHONY MENDOZAS

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1240 AVOCADO #203 TULSON ARIZONA 85713

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COMMENT:

Lined area for writing a comment.

NAME: Tomas Mendez

EMAIL: cybarton@hotmail.com

ADDRESS: 1502 W. Ajo Way #507 Tucson, AZ 85713

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COMMENT:

I would like to know when the jobs apps will be given out and the jobs will start. It is exciting to have a mine here in Tucson, close to Tucson so that it will create more jobs.

NAME: Angela E Garcia

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 5350 E 28th St Tucson AZ 85711

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COMMENT: An open pit mine located so near Hwy 83 would not only be a blight on a scenic drive, but would affect recreational activities in the area. We camp, cave, and hike in the area; these activities would definitely be compromised by the existence of an open-pit mine.

Furthermore, the deleterious effects this mine would cause to the environment would outlast its economic feasibility. No amount of reclamation can restore a piece of land to its original state.

NAME: Jenny Merritt
EMAIL: merrittj@email.arizona.edu
ADDRESS: 4344 E Linden
TUCSON AZ 85712

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COMMENT:

I, THINK, PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT IS GOOD, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE CAN WORKING IN THIS PROJECT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO WILL CONTROLLED.

NAME: MIGUEL I BARRA

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 115 E AVIATION DR. P.O. 85714

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COMMENT:

The Mine is a good idea it will bring job opportunities to Arizona.

NAME: Dreantreyello

EMAIL: xSublimeX16@yahoo.com

ADDRESS:

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Will this help the environment? This is a great idea because it will help me and my friends get employed.

NAME: Jaime Day

EMAIL: Felicia-duran00@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 1316 W. Abney Apt #214 85713 Tucson AZ

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COMMENT: WITH GOOD CONSERVATIONAL HELP, I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD DEAL FOR TUCSON. WE NEED WORK WITH THE SITUATION THE WAY IT IS.

THANK YOU

NAME: JOHN HUESGEN

EMAIL: jh/h

ADDRESS: 1240 W ADU # 315

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COMMENT:

I live Rice, Im also upset about my kid problem yesterday.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENT: I believe a mine would be good for Tucson. Where would the money go? We need it for our schools.

NAME: D. Whitman + family

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1347 E Benson Hwy Tucson AZ 85714

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COMMENT: Profit (\$) to Canada
Copper to China
Waste + hole to U.S.
several years of mediocre wages
unending toxic waste management costs

If the U.S. is going to RAPE its natural beauty + remove its natural resources it would be nice if the U.S. were the one to benefit not a couple of foreign countries - All we get out of this deal is a bunch of temporary jobs followed by a huge mess to clean up. We lose already dwindling natural habitat + recreation and gain a toxic waste + hole

NAME: Stan Dietzman - Alice McArthur

EMAIL: manonthe mule@hushes.net

ADDRESS: 21901 S. Helvetia Rd. - Helvetia P.O. 932 Sahuarita 85629

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COMMENT:

I Like that fact that this mine will bring lot of jobs and money to a new area.

NAME:

[Handwritten signature]

EMAIL:

[Blank line for email address]

ADDRESS:

1970 W Valencia RD  
TUCSON

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COMMENT:

Its a very good idea for this mine in southern Arizona for jobs & water for everyone, more funds for Southern for Tucson uses for single parents like myself of 4 children, school funds jobs ect.

NAME: Viviana M. Orozco

EMAIL: mona deamante@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 833 W. Iowa St. Tucson Az. 85706

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COMMENT: I seems any questions I might have had have been answered at the public meeting.

I'm in favor of the mine.

NAME: David Caldwell

EMAIL: dcaldwell7@cox.net

ADDRESS: 1661 W. Swisher Place Tucson, AZ 85746

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COMMENT:

I'm totally in favor of this new Copper mine. Arizona is the Copper State and this mine will bring lot of new jobs for many who want to continue in this field. We can put all the copper to good use + the land will be returned to its natural state as close as possible.

NAME: J. Caldwell

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1661 W. Swisher Pl Tucson, AZ 85746

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COMMENT:

May God Richly Bless Rosemont Copper Project and all her workers employees; all her efforts, and all her intentions and may God be with us in all we do. Amen.

May the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

NAME: Humphrey Chin

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1970 West Valencia Rd. Tucson, AZ. 85746 The Woods Apt 353

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COMMENT:

Lined area for writing a comment.

NAME: Elizabeth Gibbons

EMAIL: N/A

ADDRESS: 6726 S. Creekwood Ct. Tucson AZ, 85706

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COMMENT:

I think it an awesome idea. Cause there are so many job opportunity that are going to be available

NAME: Rachel Woirhaye

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1978 w. velencia

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The tailings and waste rock areas are huge! At over 5000' elevation the view will be awful, obstructing the view of the pit as Augusta claims but a real eye sore; and damaging acres and acres of habitat to wonderful flora and fauna. This will severely damage flora and fauna habitat which the F.S. should be a good custodian of. The mine will ruin the most scenic portion of scenic Hwy 83 where multitudes of day tripping tourists, motorcyclists come regularly to enjoy the scenery.

As part of the NEPA process the F.S. should not ruin this process. The mine will degrade a truly wonderful portion of SE AZ - an important birding area, hiking and motor biking areas.

Importantly - the U.S. is a net exporter of copper. Augusta has already indicated the concentrates are suitable to be shipped overseas. Why destroy this important ecological habitat so our U.S. copper can be shipped overseas, leaving a BIG MESS, with profits going to Canadian Companies Augusta, Wheaton & also Sumitomo.

BAD proposed use of public land!

NAME: Kim Wilson

EMAIL: kimwilson9@hotmail.com

ADDRESS:

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Yes I would like to be updated on any or all information on Rosemont Copper mine.

I also think its a good thing to open the mine it will bring more jobs. I am one of those people that will be willing to work for the mine. I have a CDL Class A and can operate any type of machinery. Looking forward to working long hours

NAME: Rene Andrade

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 4002 S Manning Tucson, AZ 85714-1126

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COMMENT:

The Rosemont Copper Project is a great idea with opportunities for jobs. I myself work at Modular Mining Systems so I know about mines.

NAME: Cindy Andrade

EMAIL: Andrade@mmsi.com

ADDRESS: 6200 S. Campbell #3205 Tucson, AZ 85706

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NAME: Carlos Leon

EMAIL: Magitcorpssic6@aol.com

ADDRESS: 6200 S. Campbell Ave Apt 3205

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83 Highway is not made for a Truck every 10 min. Not wide enough

NAME: Nancy H Long

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 19910 S Sonora Hwy

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COMMENT: First of all - this public comment process is both inadequate & somewhat deceitful. While very slick & professional, there is very little information about the project ~~itself~~ <sup>proposal</sup>. Also - the public should be able to hear each & every person's statements out loud in an open forum. I have seen this format here (to put it politely) utilized before to isolate individual members of the public regarding their personal feelings on matters of such significance. I don't like it. I don't like the obvious bias the USFS only thinly disguises; it's quite apparent to me that the Coronado NF & Rosemont are joined at the hip in this scheme. And I ~~DON'T~~ like the proposal either! NO MINE!! The surrounding ecosystem & water resources will surely be poisoned. The surrounding public lands do not need that - or more infrastructure, facilities, & traffic. And the US taxpayer does NOT need to be subsidizing corporate extractive industry on public lands any time, anywhere, for any reason. The ecological degradation from this project will spread far & wide - & persist for centuries, if not millennia. As an atmospheric scientist & ecologist who has been tracking climate change for almost 3 decades, I know that a crucial underpinning to climate stability - on a local, regional, & global scales - is ecosystem health, integrity, & connectivity. In the interests of both surviving & mitigating anthropogenic climate change - there is absolutely no sane reason to be punching any more holes in to the few remaining viable ecosystems left in this country. I want nothing at all to do with Rosemont Mining & their self-serving ambitions. NO MINE!

NAME: John Waters, B.S., M.S.

EMAIL:

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This City, State and Country cannot support the standard of living that we have come to enjoy. ~~We cannot~~ on bird watchers and golf tournaments. We need to strengthen our mining industry and we need this mine. It is an important economic stimulant and does not need to be at the expense of <sup>the</sup> environment.

My one concern is how are they going to control the dust from the dry stack tailings.

NAME: Dennis Fischer

EMAIL: Fischers7@msn.com

ADDRESS: 14739 E. Diamond B Ranch Pl. Vail, AZ, 85641

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consider the cumulative impacts of the roads that can be anticipated from the project.

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