

# Littletown

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population: 845**  
**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income: 72%**  
**Designated Colonia:** Most of the Littletown target area is also in the Littletown Colonia.  
**US Congressional District: 7 and 8**  
**Board of Supervisors District: 2**

## History and General Description

**Location:** Blocks of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 41.05 located southeast of Tucson, north of I-10 at the intersection of Craycroft Road. Part of the community lies in the Tucson City Limits.

**Established:** 1952.

**Size of Community:** ½ sq mile.

<b>Littletown Target Area Population:</b>	845
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	47.93%
White alone	41.54%
Black or African American alone	1.78%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.66%
Asian alone	0.24%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.24%
Two or more races	2.49%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	52.07%
White alone	22.72%
Black or African American alone	0.47%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.59%
Asian alone	0.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	24.73%
Two or more races	3.55%
Female Heads of Household:	25.39%
Percent Low - Moderate Income:	72%
Median Household Income for the target area	\$25,441*
<b>Housing</b>	
Number of Households:	256
Persons per Household:	3.23
Total Housing Units:	265
Owner Occupied Homes:	90.23%
Mobile Homes:	NA

\*based on FMR survey

# Littletown

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## Principal Economic Activities

The TTT Truck Stop is a large local employer.

## Community Resources and Services

Craycroft School Family Resource and Wellness Center assists those residents who do not have health insurance.  
T.O.T.S. – Teach Our Toddlers Skills Educational.  
Pima County Parks and Recreation Teen and Youth Programs.  
Food bank – emergency food boxes and utility assistance.

## Schools / School District

Sunnyside Unified School District  
Craycroft Elementary School  
Desert View High School

## Fire Department / District

Rural Metro Fire Department  
Tucson Fire Department

## Community Facilities

Craycroft School Family Resource and Wellness Center  
Thomas Jay Regional Park / Littletown Recreation Center : ADA accessible facilities, lighted baseball field and basketball court, concession building, volleyball court, t-ball field, lighted softball field, picnic area, ramadas, playground, restrooms, and meeting rooms.

## Financial Institutions

There is an ATM facility in a convenient store.

## Medical

There are no medical facilities in the target area.

## Transportation

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## Natural Gas

Southwest Gas

## Water

Tucson Water

## Additional Sources of Information

Littletown Recreation Center  
6465 S. Craycroft Road, Tucson  
520.574.1404



# Marana (Continued)

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 1,875

**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income:** 57.20%

**Designated Colonias:** The target area contains most of the Town of Marana Colonia, Resolution # 1998-34.

**US Congressional District:** 8

**Board of Supervisors District:** 3

**Incorporated:** Yes

## History and General Description

**Location:** The Target Area lies inside of the Marana Town designated Colonias. It encompasses parts of census tract 44.20 Block Groups 1 and 2, and Census Tract 44.19, Block Group 3. The area is 75 miles north of the US-Mexico Border, and just north of the City of Tucson. The information given in this profile is for the Town of Marana at the time of the 2000 census, with the exception of the percent low- mod income which is derived from HUD released data.

**Established:** Settled in 1881 with the arrival of the railroad, town incorporated in 1977.

**Size of Community:** the incorporated Town of Marana is 116 sq. miles

**Size of Target Area:** 40 sq. miles.

	Target Area	Marana Town
<b>Population:</b>	1,875	13,443
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	62.45%	81.92%
White alone	48.21%	73.26%
Black or African American alone	4.91%	2.74%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	6.99%	1.83%
Asian alone	0.64%	2.28%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.27%	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.00%	0.00%
Two or more races	1.44%	1.82%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	37.55%	18.08%
White alone	15.52%	8.41%
Black or African American alone	0.11%	0.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.87%	0.50%
Asian alone	0.05%	0.19%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%	0.00%
Some other race alone	18.13%	7.86%
Two or more races	1.87%	1.12%
<b>Female Heads of Household:</b>	30.35%	16.74%
<b>Target Area Percent Low - Moderate Income:</b>	57.20%	NA
<b>Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level</b>	NA	6.24%
<b>Median Household Income for the target area</b>	NA	\$52,870
<b>Housing</b>		
<b>Number of Households:</b>	514	4,892
<b>Persons per Household:</b>	1.81	2.66
<b>Total Housing Units:</b>	567	5,658
<b>Owner Occupied Homes:</b>	67.12%	83.48%
<b>Mobile Homes:</b>	NA	8.93%

# Marana

## Principal Economic Activities

Historically, the town has been a transportation center for farming communities. Northern Marana has been mostly agricultural (cotton, alfalfa and wheat) and ranching (cattle). The town is beginning to be converted to single family homes. Major employers include: Arizona Portland Cement, Costco, Evergreen Air Center, Home Depot, Tucson Ready Mix, Sergeant Controls & Aerospace, Marana Community Treatment Facility, Marana Unified School District and the Town of Marana.

## Community Resources and Services

Community Food Bank  
Marana Health Center  
Marana Community Center  
Service Clubs including: Marana Rotary Club and Desert Kiwanis Club  
Marana Arts Council

## Schools / School District

Marana Unified School District  
Estes Elementary School  
Marana Middle School  
Marana High School

## Fire Department / District

Northwest Fire District (Station No. 36)

## Community Facilities

Library  
Ora Mae Harn District Park: swimming pool, recreation center, senior center, tennis courts, lighted soccer and baseball fields, picnic areas with pavilions and grills, two playgrounds, and a one-mile paved walking trail.  
Post Office  
Chamber of Commerce

## Financial Institutions

There are 3 banks in the Town of Marana. Stockmen's Bank is the only bank in the target area.

## Medical

Marana Health Center

## Transportation

None.

## Utilities

### Electricity

Trico Electric Cooperative 520.744.2944  
Tucson Electric Power 520.623.7711

### Water

Cortaro Water Users Association 520.682.3233  
Marana Municipal Water 520.616.4908  
Tucson Water 520.791.3242  
Avra Water Coop 520.682.7331

## Local Newspapers

Northwest Explorer  
Monument News

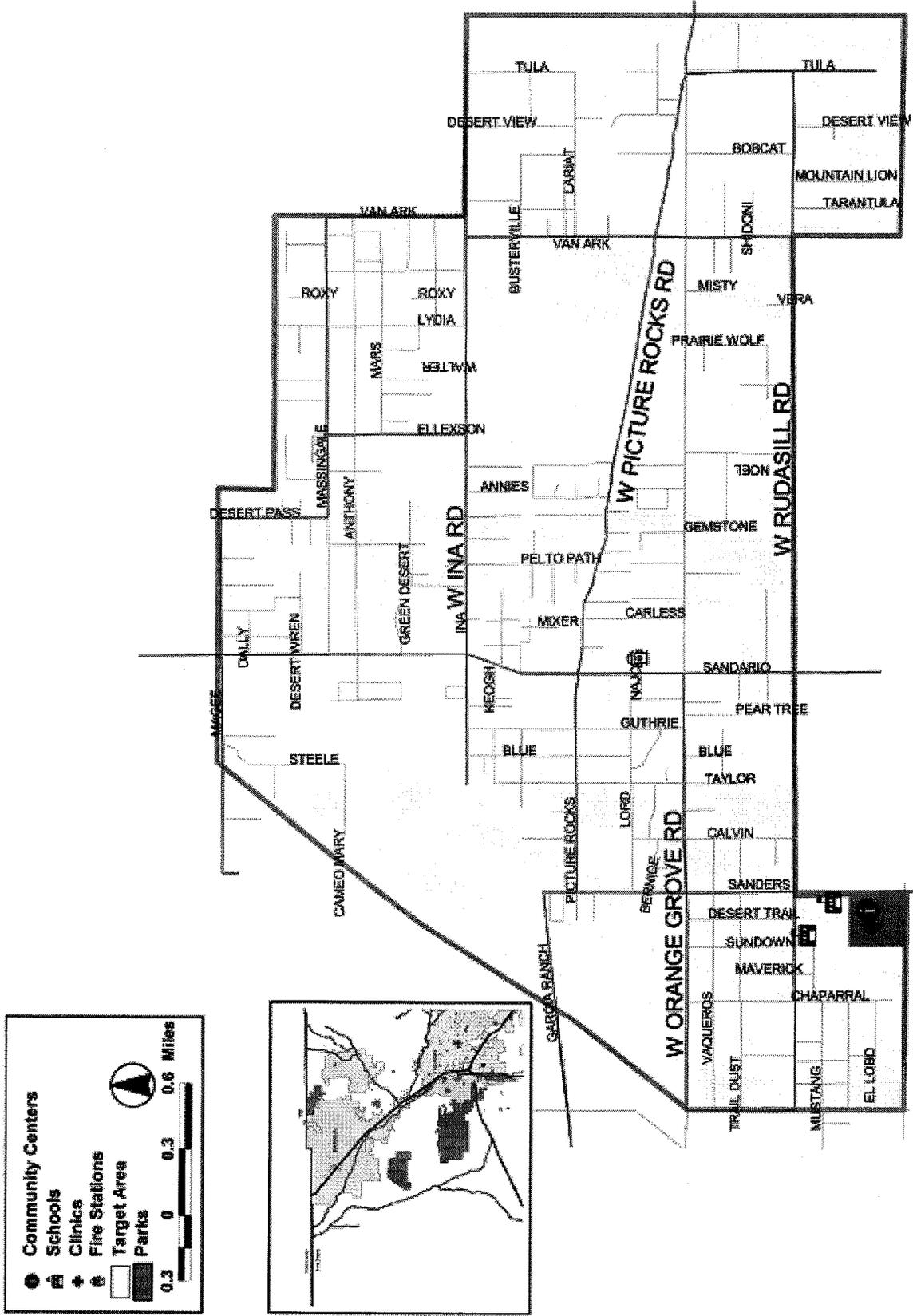
## Additional Sources of Information

Marana Chamber of Commerce  
13881 N. Casa Grande Highway  
Marana, AZ 85653  
520.682.4314  
<http://www.maranachamber.com>

Town of Marana  
13251 West Lon Adams Road  
Marana, AZ 85653  
520.682.3401

Marana Health Center  
13644 N. Sandario Road  
Marana, AZ 85653  
520.623.2506

# Picture Rocks Target Area



# Picture Rocks

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 6,813

**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate**

**Income:** 68%

**Designated Colonias:** The target area includes part of two colonias, Avra Water Coop Service Area, Resolution # 1999-180 and Rancho del Conejo Colonia, Resolution # 1996-190.

**US Congressional District:** 7

**Board of Supervisors District:** 3

## History and General Description

**Location:** Part of the Census Designated Place, Picture Rocks is located in Block Group 2 of Census Tract 44.09. This area is Northwest of Tucson, bounded by Avra Road and the CAP to the West, the westernmost boundary of Saguaro National Park West on the East, Rudaasil Road to the South and Magee Road to the North. The area is 60 miles north of the US-Mexico Border.

**Established:** 1969

**Size of Target Area:** 13 sq miles.

	Target Area	Tract 44.09 Block Group 1
<b>Population:</b>	6,813	8,640
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	86.94%	86.18%
White alone	83.27%	82.56%
Black or African American alone	0.53%	0.35%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.06%	1.69%
Asian alone	0.26%	0.15%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.07%	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.09%	0.07%
Two or more races	1.66%	1.37%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	13.06%	13.82%
White alone	7.07%	6.31%
Black or African American alone	0.01%	0.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.41%	0.12%
Asian alone	0.09%	0.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.01%	0.10%
Some other race alone	4.43%	5.56%
Two or more races	1.03%	1.74%
Female Heads of Household:	20.79%	20.80%
Percent Low - Moderate Income:	68%	*40.10%
Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level	NA	7.08%
Median Household Income for the target area	\$28,320*	\$41,047*
<b>Housing</b>		
Number of Households:	2,415	3,111
Persons per Household:	2.85	2.77
Total Housing Units:	2,579	3,371
Owner Occupied Homes:	88.53%	87.95%
Mobile Homes:	NA	73.84%

\*Figure represents Block Group 1 in Tract 44.09 in the Picture Rocks Census Designated Place.

\* based on FMR Survey

# Picture Rocks

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## Principal Economic Activities

The majority of the employment opportunities are in Tucson and Marana.

## Community Resources and Services

Picture Rocks Community Center provides T.O.T.S. – Teach Our Toddlers Skills Educational, Pima County Parks and Recreation Teen Programs, Pima Youth Partnership, Pima County Parks and Recreation Seniors Programs, Community Food Bank (Emergency food box, senior brown bag and TFAP Commodities Programs). Community Clothing Bank, Free Bread and Produce Program, Income Eligible Free Lunch Program, and LIHEAP - Energy Assistance Applications, Telephone Assistance Program (TAP), and WIC.

## Schools / School District

Marana Unified School District  
Desert Winds Elementary  
Picture Rocks Intermediate  
Marana High School

## Fire Department / District

Picture Rocks Fire District

## Community Facilities

### Picture Rocks Community Center and District

Park: ADA accessible facilities, lighted basketball court, volleyball court, playground, restrooms, meeting rooms, preschool room and a book lending library.

## Financial Institutions

There are no banks in the target area.

## Medical

University of Arizona Rural Health Office  
Mobile Clinic  
Pima County Health Department Preventive Medicine Clinic  
Marana Clinic

## Utilities

### Electricity

Trico Electric Cooperative 520.744.2944

### Water

Avra Water Coop 520.682.7331  
Rancho del Conejo Water Coop 520.682.8335

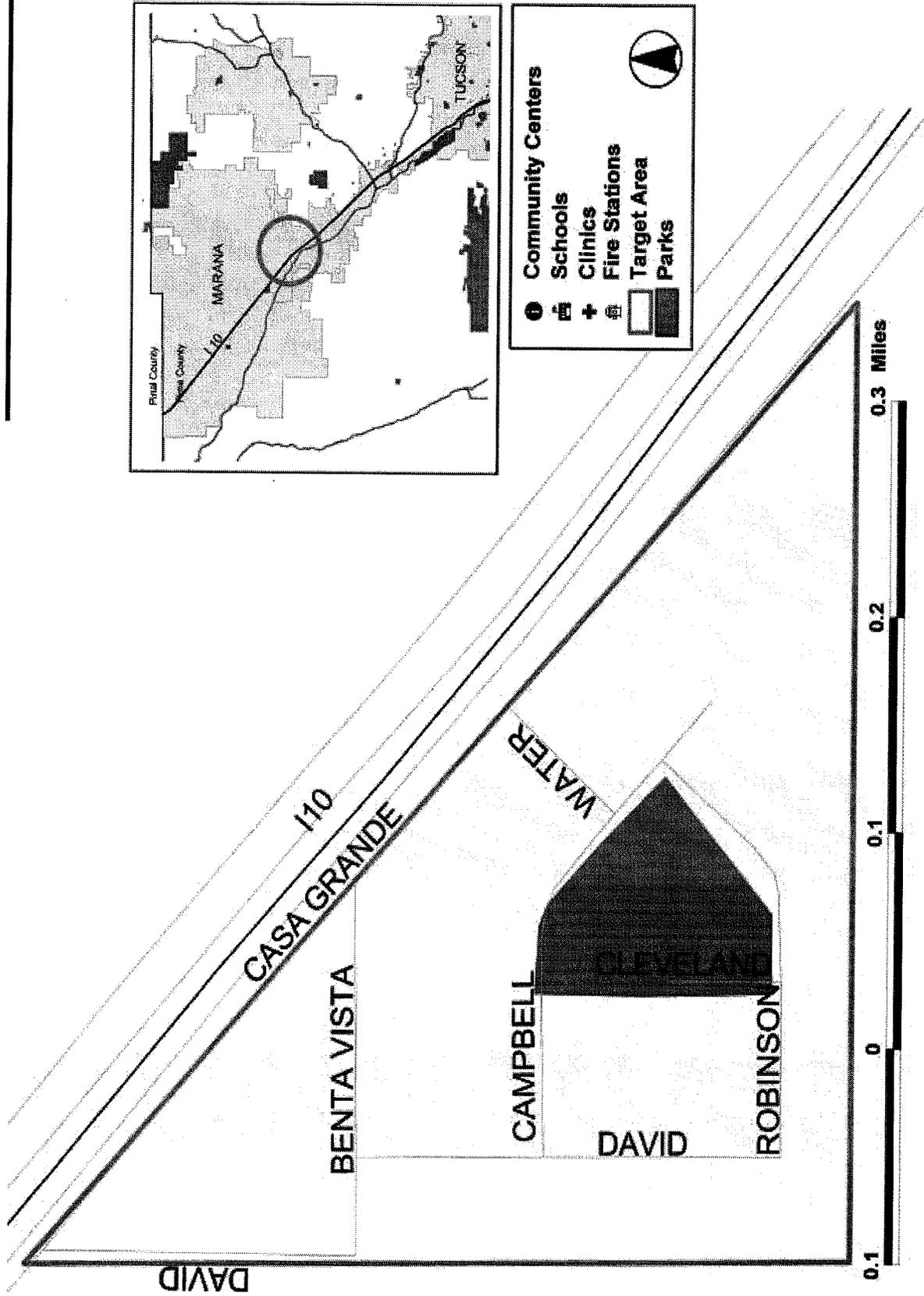
## Transportation

There is no public transportation in Picture Rocks.

## Additional Sources of Information

Picture Rocks Community Center  
5615 N. Sanders Road  
Tucson, AZ 85743  
520.682.7166

# Rillito Target Area



# Rillito (continued)

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 147  
**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income:** 82.90%  
**Designated Colonia:** The entire target area lies within the Rillito Colonia, Resolution # 1997-142.  
**US Congressional District:** 8  
**Board of Supervisors District:** 3

## History and General Description

**Location:** The Rillito Target Area is approximately 12 miles north of Tucson, and west of I-10 between the Tangerine and Avra Valley exits. It is 70 miles north of the US-Mexico border.  
**Established:** 1930's - 1940's  
**Size of Target Area:** 1/2 sq. mile.

<b>Rillito Target Area Population:</b>	147
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	73.47%
White alone	34.01%
Black or African American alone	31.97%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	4.76%
Asian alone	0.68%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.00%
Two or more races	2.04%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	26.53%
White alone	8.84%
Black or African American alone	0.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	3.40%
Asian alone	0.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	13.61%
Two or more races	0.68%
<b>Female Heads of Household:</b>	41.94%
<b>Percent Low - Moderate Income:</b>	82.90%
<b>Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level</b>	NA
<b>Median Household Income for the target area</b>	NA
<b>Housing</b>	
<b>Number of Households:</b>	62
<b>Persons per Household:</b>	2.14
<b>Total Housing Units:</b>	79
<b>Owner Occupied Homes:</b>	61.25%
<b>Mobile Homes:</b>	NA

# Rillito

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## **Principal Economic Activities**

Originally, the community was settled by migrant farm workers who worked the Marana area farms.

## **Community Resources and Services**

**Rillito Vista Neighborhood Park and Recreation Center:** ADA accessible facilities, volleyball court, lighted basketball court, ramadas, picnic area, playground, restrooms, recreational rooms, and a vacant child care center.  
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Youth and Teen Programs  
Headstart Program

## **Schools/ School District**

Marana Unified School District

## **Transportation**

There is no public transportation in the target area.

## **Fire Department / District**

Picture Rocks Fire District

## **Utilities**

## **Community Facilities**

Rillito Vista Neighborhood Park and Recreation Center.  
Rillito Post Office

## **Electricity**

Trico Electric Cooperative 520.744.2944

## **Natural Gas**

Southwest Gas 520.889.5600

## **Financial Institutions**

There are no banks in the target area.

## **Water**

Rillito Water Coop 520.682.3950

## **Medical**

There are no medical facilities in Rillito.  
The closest non-profit health facility is the Marana Health Clinic.

## **Additional Sources of Information**

Rillito Vista Recreation Center  
8820 W. Robinson, Rillito  
520.682.4482



# Robles Junction

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 5,248  
**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income:** 52.30%  
**Designated Colonia:** The target area lies in the Three Points Designated Colonia as per Resolution # 1999-26.  
**US Congressional District:** 7  
**Board of Supervisors District:** 3

## History and General Description

**Location:** Robles Junction includes the area surrounding the junction of State Routes 86 and 286. The Robles Junction Target Area is identical to the boundaries of the Three Points Census Designated Place.

**Established:** 1882

**Size of Target Area:** 25 sq. miles.

## Three Points CDP Population:

<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	5,248
White alone	59.26%
Black or African American alone	54.42%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.28%
Asian alone	1.30%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.38%
Some other race alone	0.00%
Two or more races	0.10%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	1.79%
White alone	40.74%
Black or African American alone	15.95%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.08%
Asian alone	0.30%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.00%
Two or more races	21.88%
	2.53%

## Female Heads of Household:

Percent Low - Moderate Income:	19.35%
Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level	52.30%
Median Household Income for the target area	22.12%
	\$31,486

## Housing

Number of Households:	1,752
Persons per Household:	3
Total Housing Units:	2,019
Owner Occupied Homes:	87.84%
Mobile Homes:	67.90%

# Robles Junction (continued)

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## Principal Economic Activities

Major employers in the area include the Alter Valley School District, Ryan Field Airport, Kitt Peak Observatory, Government and Tribal jobs, and small stores and restaurants. Many residents travel to Tucson for employment.

## Community Resources and Services

Three Points Clinic  
Robles Junction Teen Program  
VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)  
Serenity Baptist Church: AA meetings and a Food Pantry  
Robles Junction Community Council  
Sierrita Mountain 4-H Club

## Schools / School District

Alter Valley School District  
Mary E Dill Primary School  
Altair Valley Primary School  
Altair Valley Middle School

## Fire Department

Three Points Fire District

## Community Facilities

Robles Ranch Community Center: meeting rooms, clothing bank, foodbank, and roping arena.  
Three Points Veterans Park – ball fields, basketball and picnic areas

## Financial Institutions

None.

## Medical

Three Points Health Clinic

## Transportation

None.

## Utilities

## Electricity

Trico Electric Cooperative 520.744.2944

## Water

Tucson Water  
Worden Water Company  
Thim Water Company 520.290.1255  
Private wells

## Local Newspapers

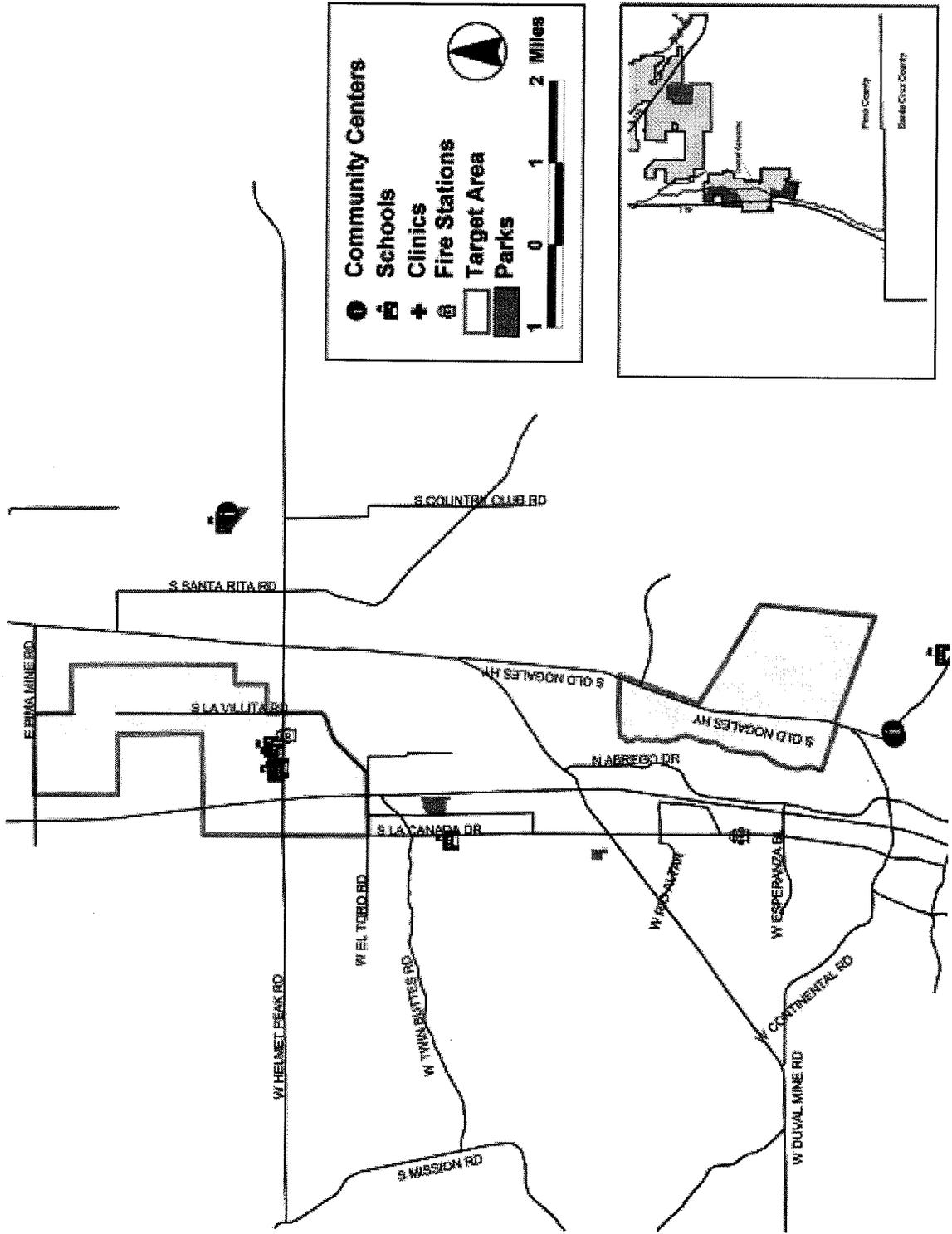
Desert Times  
Our Neighborhood Community Newsletter (a publication of the Robles Junction Community Council)

## Additional Sources of Information

Robles Ranch Community Center  
16150 W. Ajo Way Tucson, AZ 85736  
520.822.4408

Three Points Fire Department  
P.M.B. 328  
11200 S. Sierrita Mountain Road  
Tucson, AZ 85736-1434  
520.822.1086

# Sahuarita Target Area



# Sahuarita (continued)

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 180  
**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income:** 55.0%  
**Designated Colonias:** The target area contains part of the Sahuarita Colonia, Resolution # 1997-21.  
**US Congressional District:** 8  
**Board of Supervisors District:** 2, 3 and 4  
**Incorporated:** Yes

## History and General Description

**Location:** There are two sections of the Sahuarita Target Area: Sahuarita North and Sahuarita South. The sections include part of the Census Designated Place of Sahuarita. Neither of the sections include areas of the Town of Sahuarita that has been annexed after 1999. Sahuarita North is located on both the east side of I-19 and west of the Santa Cruz River. Sahuarita South is to the east of both I-19 and the Santa Cruz River. All figures except the low-mod percentage are for Sahuarita Census Designated Place (CDP). The Sahuarita CDP lies 20 miles south of Tucson, 40 miles north of the US-Mexico border.

**Established:** 1854 with Sahuarita Ranch, incorporated in 1994.

**Size of Community:** 29 sq miles

	Target Area	Sahuarita CDP
<b>Population:</b>	180	3,242
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	18.33%	76.06%
White alone	9.44%	74.43%
Black or African American alone	0.56%	0.12%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	6.11%	0.06%
Asian alone	0.00%	0.77%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.00%	0.00%
Two or more races	2.22%	0.68%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	<b>81.67%</b>	<b>23.94%</b>
White alone	51.67%	16.07%
Black or African American alone	0.00%	0.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.00%	0.15%
Asian alone	0.00%	0.06%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%	0.00%
Some other race alone	25.56%	6.76%
Two or more races	4.44%	0.89%
<b>Female Heads of Household:</b>	20.41%	16.03%
<b>Target Area Percent Low - Moderate Income:</b>	55.00%	NA
<b>Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level</b>	NA	5.65%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	NA	\$53,194
<b>Housing</b>		
Number of Households:	49	1,154
Persons per Household:	2.96	2.78
Total Housing Units:	51	1,242
Owner Occupied Homes:	85.71%	80.07%
Mobile Homes:	NA	15.38%

# Sahuarita

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## Principal Economic Activities

The town was historically a stagecoach stop between Tucson and Nogales. It has employment in agriculture and retail. The major employers in Sahuarita include: Super Wal-Mart, Bashas, Farmer's Investment Company, the Town of Sahuarita and Sahuarita School District. Most residents are employed in Tucson or Green Valley. Land use in Sahuarita is roughly 1/3 residential, 1/3 agricultural and 1/3 industrial and commercial.

## Community Resources and Services

Casa de Esperanza – social service agency primarily for senior citizens.

Pima Prevention Youth Partnership

STOP (Sahuarita Team Offers Prevention)

Kiwanis

Rotary Club

Lions Club

Optimist Club

American Legion

LINK (Learning Involves Nurturing Kids)

## Schools / School District

Sahuarita Unified School District

Sahuarita Primary School

Sahuarita Intermediate School

Sahuarita Middle School

Sahuarita High School

## Fire Department

Rural/ Metro has two stations, 79 and 81 in the area.

## Community Facilities

Sahuarita High School has a swimming pool and an auditorium.

The American Legion has a meeting hall.

## Financial Institutions

There are 2 banks in Sahuarita: Wells Fargo and World Savings.

## Medical

Sahuarita Wellness Center

There are some private doctors offices located in Sahuarita. However, most people travel to the Continental Family Medical Center for medical care.

## Transportation

None.

## Utilities

### Electricity

Tucson Electric Power 520.623.7711

Trico Electric Cooperative 520.744.2944

## Water

Farmer's Water Company 520.625.2345

Rancho Sahuarita Water Co. 520.399.1105

Las Quinas Serenas Water Co. 520.625.8040

Community Water 520.625.8409

## Local Newspapers

Green Valley News

Sahuarita Times

Town of Sahuarita Newsletter

## Additional Sources of Information

The Town of Sahuarita

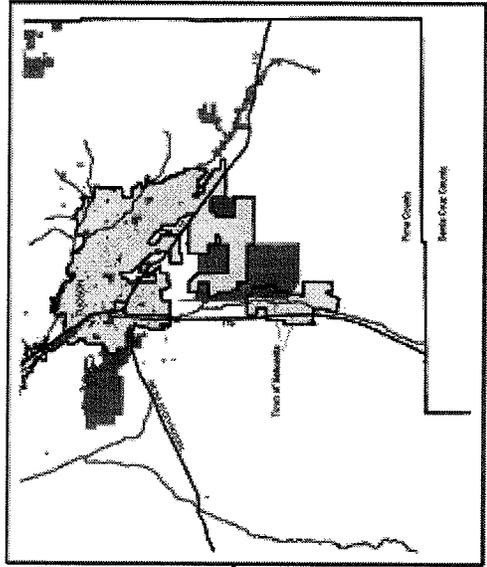
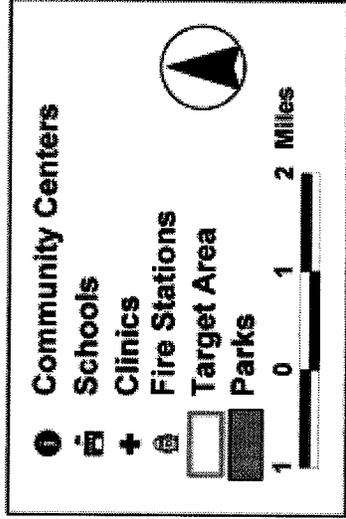
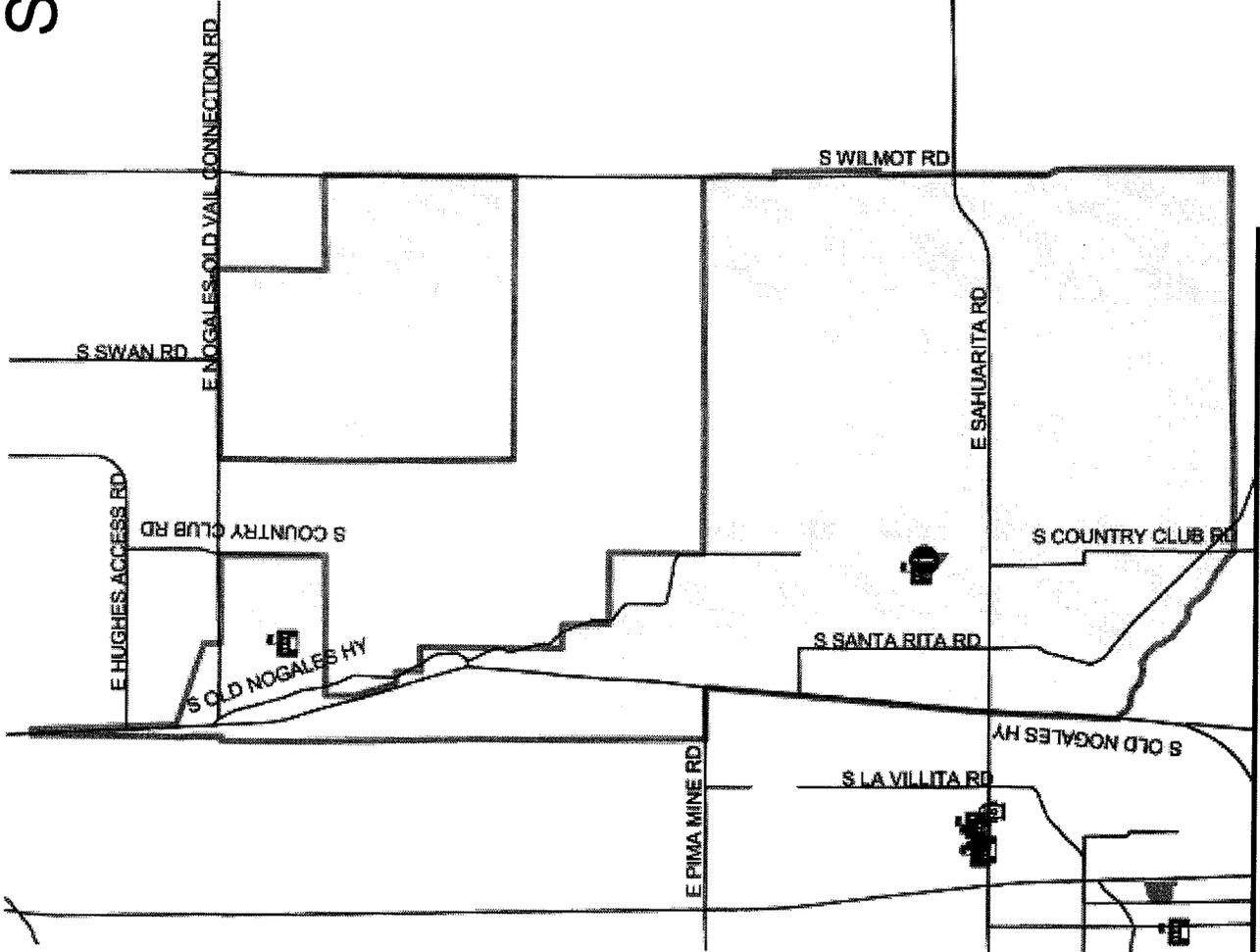
850B W. Sahuarita Rd. / P.O. Box 879

Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Phone: 520.648.1972

FAX: 520.625.9879

# South Nogales Highway Target Area



# South Nogales Highway

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 5,420  
**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income:** 55.90%  
**Designated Colonia:** Portions for the target area lie within the Sahuarita Colonia and the Old Nogales Highway Colonia.  
**US Congressional District:** 7 and 8  
**Board of Supervisors District:** 2

## History and General Description

**Location:** The South Nogales Highway Target Area lies approximately ten miles south of Tucson city limits an just east of I-19. It encompasses all unincorporated Pima County between Old Vail Road to the North, Wilmot Road to the East, 41.07, the southern most boundary of Block Group 1, Block 1050 to the South, along Santa Rita Road to the Southwest, and Santa Rita Road to the West as far North as Pima Mine Road, then further West along the Old Nogales Highway just beyond Old Vail Road.

**Size of Community:** 13 -14 sq. miles.

**South Nogales Highway Target Area Population:** 5,420  
**Not Hispanic or Latino:** 41.59%

White alone	38.12%
Black or African American alone	0.70%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.25%
Asian alone	0.22%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.02%
Some other race alone	0.02%
Two or more races	1.25%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	<b>58.41%</b>
White alone	31.24%
Black or African American alone	0.04%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.03%
Asian alone	0.04%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	22.79%
Two or more races	3.28%

Female Heads of Household:	22.58%
Percent Low - Moderate Income:	55.90%
Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level	NA
Median Household Income for the target area	NA

## Housing

Number of Households:	1,692
Persons per Household:	2.07
Total Housing Units:	1,857
Owner Occupied Homes:	79.67%
Mobile Homes:	NA

# South Nogales Highway

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## Principal Economic Activities

Raytheon and Tucson International Airport are nearby. Most residents travel to Tucson for employment opportunities.

## Community Resources and Services

Southside Food Production Network  
Bookmobile  
Summit View Family Resource and Wellness Center

## Schools / School Districts

Sunnyside School District  
Summit View Elementary School

## Transportation

None.

## Utilities

## Electricity

Tucson Electric Power 520.623.7711

## Fire Department / District

Metro Rural Fire Department

## Community Facilities

Joan M. Swetland Regional Park

## Natural Gas

Southwest Gas  
Propane is supplied by several companies in the area

## Financial Institutions

Hughes Credit Union  
There are ATM machines available at local convenience stores

## Water

Private wells

## Medical

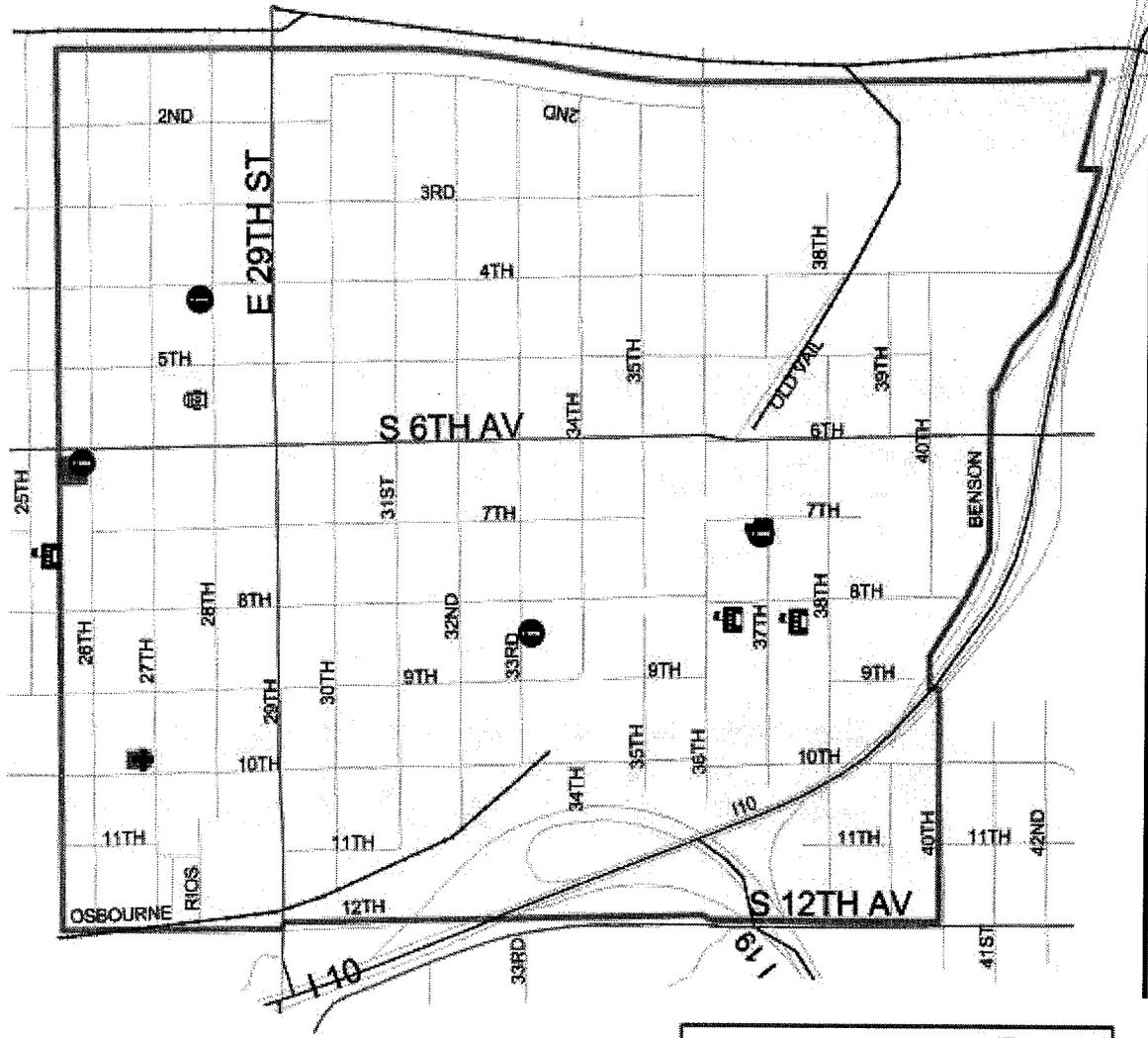
Rural Health Clinic and Wellness Center at the Summit View Elementary School

## Additional Sources of Information

Summit View Elementary School  
1900 E. Summit St.  
Tucson, AZ 85706  
520.545.3800

Summit View Family Resource and Wellness Center  
1900 E. Summit St.  
Tucson, Az 85706  
520.545.3861

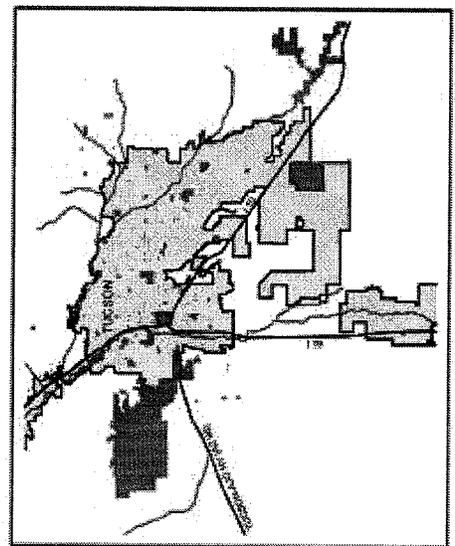
# South Tucson Target Area



**Community Centers**

- Community Centers
- Schools
- Clinics
- Fire Stations
- Target Area
- Parks

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# South Tucson (continued)

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 5,490  
**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income:** 75.20%  
**Designated Colonia:** The target area includes the South Tucson Colonia, Resolution # 1998-34  
**Empowerment Zone:** The target area lies within the HUD designated Empowerment Zone for the City of South Tucson, the City of Tucson, and Pima County.  
**US Congressional District:** 7  
**Board of Supervisors District:** 2  
**Incorporated:** Yes

## History and General Description

**Location:** South Tucson is a one square mile incorporated area bordered roughly by 25<sup>th</sup> Street, the Southern Pacific Railroad line, 40<sup>th</sup> Street and I-10. It is 62 miles from the US-Mexico border.  
**Founded:** Originally founded in 1936, unincorporated in 1938 and reincorporated in 1940.  
**Size of Community:** 1 sq mile

<b>City of South Tucson Population:</b>	5,490
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	19.82%
White alone	9.05%
Black or African American alone	1.44%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	6.92%
Asian alone	1.46%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.00%
Two or more races	0.95%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	80.18%
White alone	32.30%
Black or African American alone	0.05%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	3.10%
Asian alone	0.22%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	42.75%
Two or more races	1.77%
<b>Female Heads of Household:</b>	35.30%
<b>Percent Low - Moderate Income:</b>	75.20%
<b>Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level</b>	46.52%
<b>Median Household Income for the target area</b>	\$14,587
<b>Housing</b>	
Number of Households:	1,810
Persons per Household:	2.94
Total Housing Units:	2,059
Owner Occupied Homes:	40.28%
Mobile Homes:	7.09%

# South Tucson

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## Principal Economic Activities

Major employers in the city include: Tucson Greyhound Park, , Auto Zone, Food City and Walgreens. More than 300 businesses reside in South Tucson.

## Community Resources and Services

Pio Decimo Center Youth Programs  
Las Artes Program (Pima County Community Services)  
Jackson Employment Center (Pima Community College)  
Lindsey Learning Center (Pima Adult Education)  
Project YES (Youth Enrichment Support)  
South Tucson Weed and Seed Program (US Department of Justice)

House of the Neighborly Service  
Salvation Army  
Arizona Children's Home  
Voz en el Desierto  
Primavera Builders construction training program  
Project SER  
Casa Maria

## Schools / School District

Tucson Unified School District  
Ochoa Elementary School  
Mission View Elementary School

## Medical Facilities

WIC Program  
Pima County Neighborhood Center clinic

## Fire Department / District

City of South Tucson Fire Department

## Transportation

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## Community Facilities

Sam Lena Public Library  
John Valenzuela Youth Center  
Project YES Youth Center  
House of Neighborly Service  
Pio Decimo Center  
Center del Sur Community Center  
Yaqui Park

## Utilities

### Electricity

Tucson Electric Power 520.623.7711

### Water

Tucson Water 520.791.3242  
Diablo Water a.k.a.  
Thim Water Company  
P.O. Box 13145  
Tucson, AZ 85732  
520.290.1255

## Financial Institutions

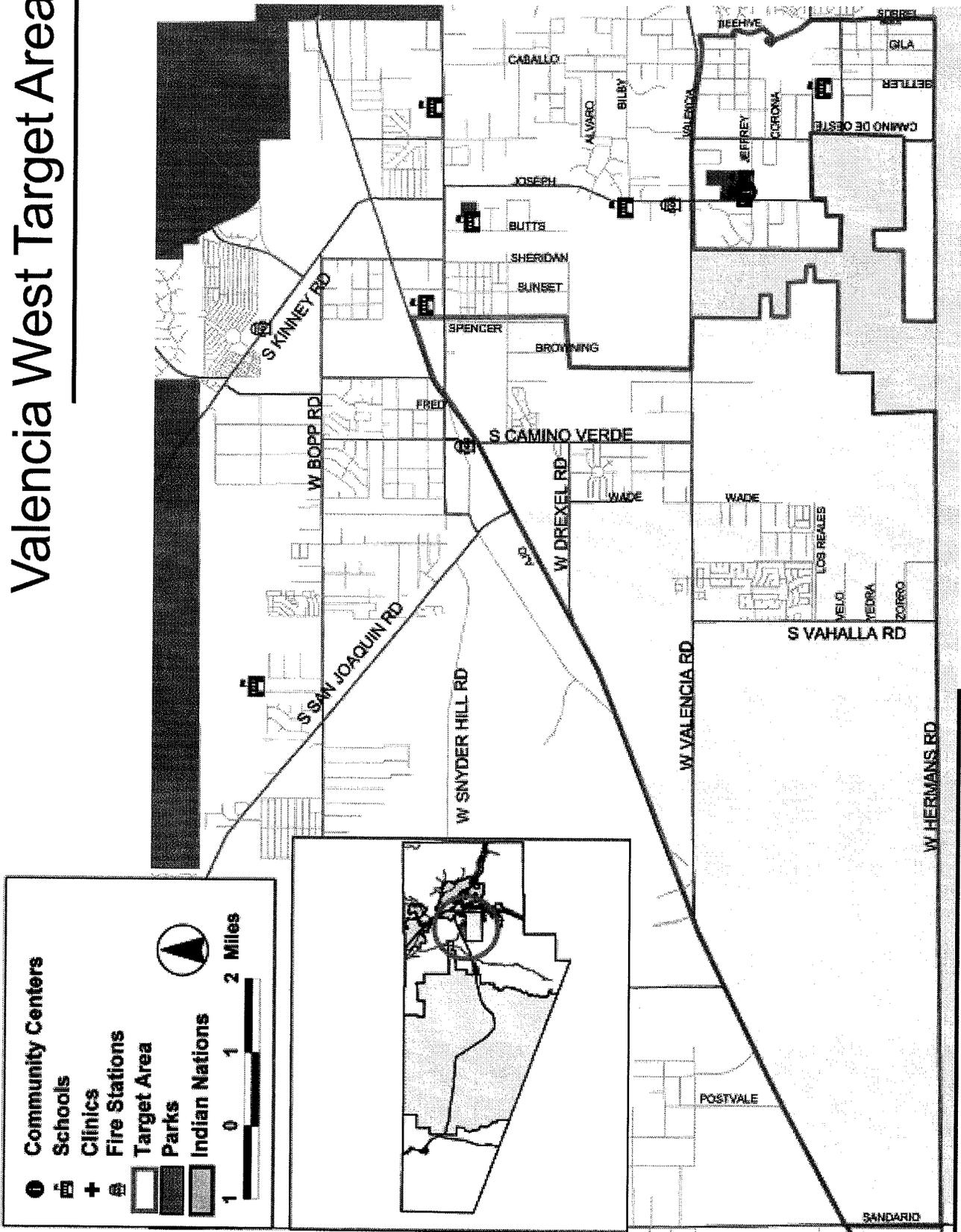
Bank One and Washington Federal Savings

## Additional Sources of Information

City of South Tucson  
1601 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave  
South Tucson, AZ 85713  
520.792.2424

John A. Valenzuela Youth Center  
1550 S. Sixth Avenue South Tucson, AZ  
520.792.9251

# Valencia West Target Area



# Valencia West

## Quick Facts

Target Area Population: 5,153  
 Target Area Percent Low-Moderate Income: 61.8%  
 US Congressional District: 7  
 Board of Supervisors District: 3

## History and General Description

**Location:** The target area includes the Valencia West Census Designated Place, census tract 43.20, block groups 1 and 2 that lie within the Drexel Heights Census Designated Place and census tract 43.19, block group 1 that lies in unincorporated Pima County.

**Established:** Late 1950's to early 1960's.

**Size of Community:** 20 sq. miles.

	Target Area	Valencia West CDP
<b>Population:</b>	5,153	2,451
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	34.08%	37.01%
White alone	29.61%	30.35%
Black or African American alone	0.85%	0.57%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	2.62%	3.10%
Asian alone	0.21%	0.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.12%	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.04%	0.00%
Two or more races	0.62%	2.98%
<b>Hispanic or Latino:</b>	<b>65.92%</b>	<b>62.99%</b>
White alone	30.56%	26.64%
Black or African American alone	0.16%	0.00%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1.20%	0.24%
Asian alone	0.06%	0.00%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%	0.00%
Some other race alone	31.81%	33.37%
Two or more races	2.13%	2.73%
Female Heads of Household:	26.60%	26.04%
Target Area Percent Low – Moderate Income:	61.80%	NA
Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level	NA	27.42%
Median Household Income	NA	\$28,323
<b>Housing</b>		
Number of Households:	1519	676
Persons per Household:	2.96	3.63
Total Housing Units:	1648	734
Owner Occupied Homes:	80.32%	85.65%
Mobile Homes:	NA	58.45%

# Valencia West

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## Community Resources and Services

Southwest Family Resource and Wellness Center – foodbank, clothing bank, education services (Pre-K through High School and adult), food commodities program, senior brown bag program and Head Start Program.  
Salvation Army Family Services – emergency rental and utility assistance

## Schools / School District

Tucson Unified School District  
Johnson Primary School  
Hohokam Middle School  
Lawrence Intermediate School  
Valencia Middle School  
Southwest Alternative High School  
Desert Mosaic Charter High School

## Medical

There are no clinics or medical facilities in the target area.

## Transportation

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## Utilities

## Fire Department / District

Drexel Heights Fire District  
Three Points Fire District

## Electricity

Trico Electric Cooperative 520.744.2944  
Tucson Electric Power 520.623.7711

## Community Facilities

Southwest Family Resource and Wellness Center  
Southwest Branch Tucson-Pima Public Library  
Lawrence District Park

## Water

Tucson Water 520.791.3242  
Diablo Water 520.290.1255

## Financial Institutions

None.

## Local Newspapers

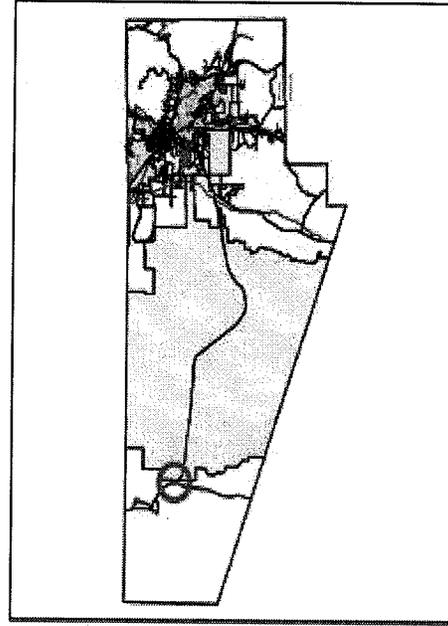
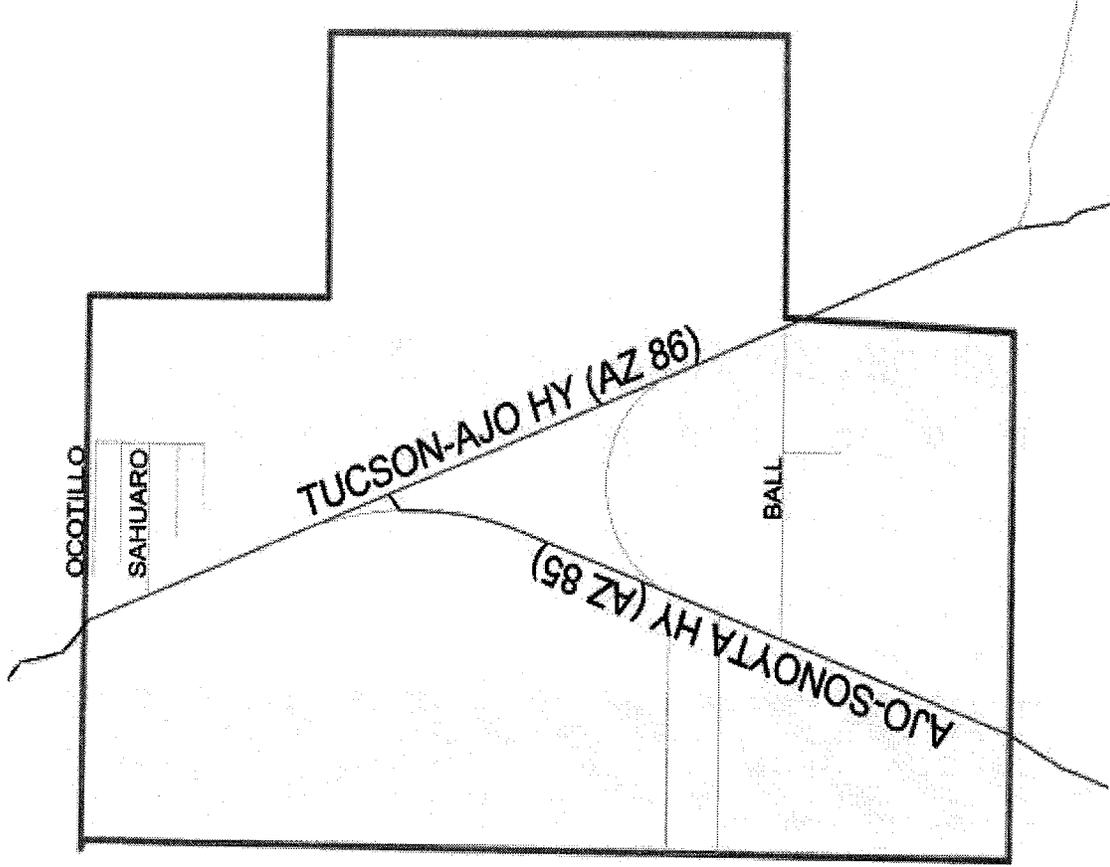
Desert Times  
Monument News

## Additional Sources of Information

Drexel Heights Fire District  
5030 South Camino Verde  
Tucson, AZ 85735  
520.883.4341

Southwest Family Resource and Wellness Center  
6855 S. Mark Road  
Tucson, AZ 85746  
520.908.3989

# Why Target Area



# Why (continued)

## Quick Facts

**Target Area Population:** 187

**Target Area Percent Low-Moderate**

**Income:** 82.40%

**USDA Designated Colonias:** The target area is also known as Why Colonia, Resolution # 2001-188

**US Congressional District:** 7

**Board of Supervisors District:** 3

## History and General Description

**Location:** Why consists of Block Group 1 of Census Tract 49. All demographic information in this profile is for the entire census tract. Why is located approximately 110 miles west of Tucson at the intersection of State Route 85 and 86. Why is West of the Tohono O'odham Nation, north of the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and East of the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Base and Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.

**Established:** the first people started settling in the area in the 1940's.

**Size of Target Area:** ½ sq. miles.

## Population in Census Tract 49:

<b>Not Hispanic or Latino:</b>	187
White alone	85.03%
Black or African American alone	71.12%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.00%
Asian alone	13.90%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.00%
Two or more races	0.00%

## Hispanic or Latino:

White alone	14.97%
Black or African American alone	4.81%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.00%
Asian alone	10.16%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.00%
Some other race alone	0.00%
Two or more races	0.00%

## Female Heads of Household:

Percent Low – Moderate Income:	20.43%
Percent Individuals Below Poverty Level	82.40%
Median Household Income for the target area	6.95%
	\$23,182

## Housing

Number of Households:	93
Persons per Household:	2.01
Total Housing Units:	133
Owner Occupied Homes:	62.41%
Mobile Homes:	34.59%

# Why

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## Principal Economic Activities

Why is located at the junction of Arizona Route 85 and Route 86. Tourism from people traveling through provides revenue to the service stations and restaurants in the area. There is also a US Border Patrol office in Why that provides some employment.

## Community Resources and Services

Why Senior Citizens Club

## Schools / School District

Ajo School District

There is bus transportation between Ajo and Why.

## Fire Department / District

Why Fire District has a reciprocal agreement with the Ajo-Gibson Volunteer Fire Department, the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument and the Tohono O'odham Nation Fire Department.

## Community Facilities

Community Center

## Financial Institutions

None.

## Medical

Closest Medical Facility is the Ajo Community Health Care Center

## Transportation

Ajo Stageline provides daily transportation between Why and Ajo. They also travel to Tucson and the Mexican border.

## Utilities

### Electricity

Arizona Public Service 520.387.6741

### Propane Gas

Local gas stations sell propane. Amerigas and Ferrell provide service in the area.

### Water

Why Utility

## Additional Sources of Information

Why Utility Board  
Contact: Vern Denning  
130 Ball Road Why, AZ 85321  
520.387.6948

Contact George Hagen  
101 East Higgins Road  
Why, AZ 85321  
520.387.7165

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### Geographic Information Services Division

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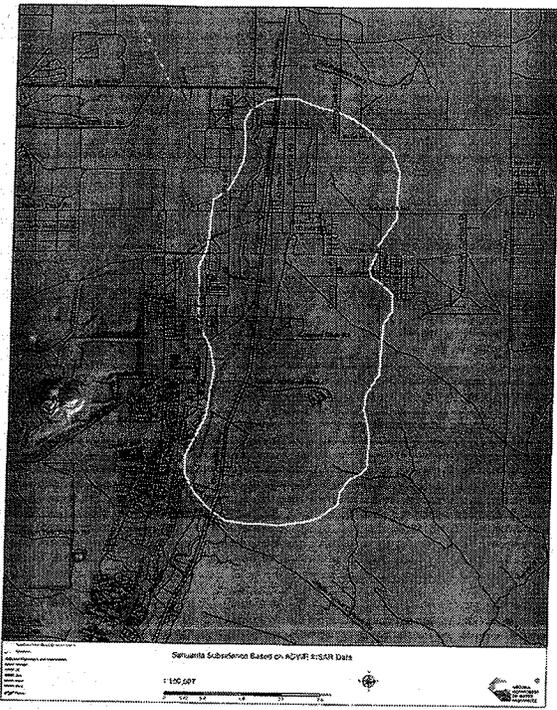
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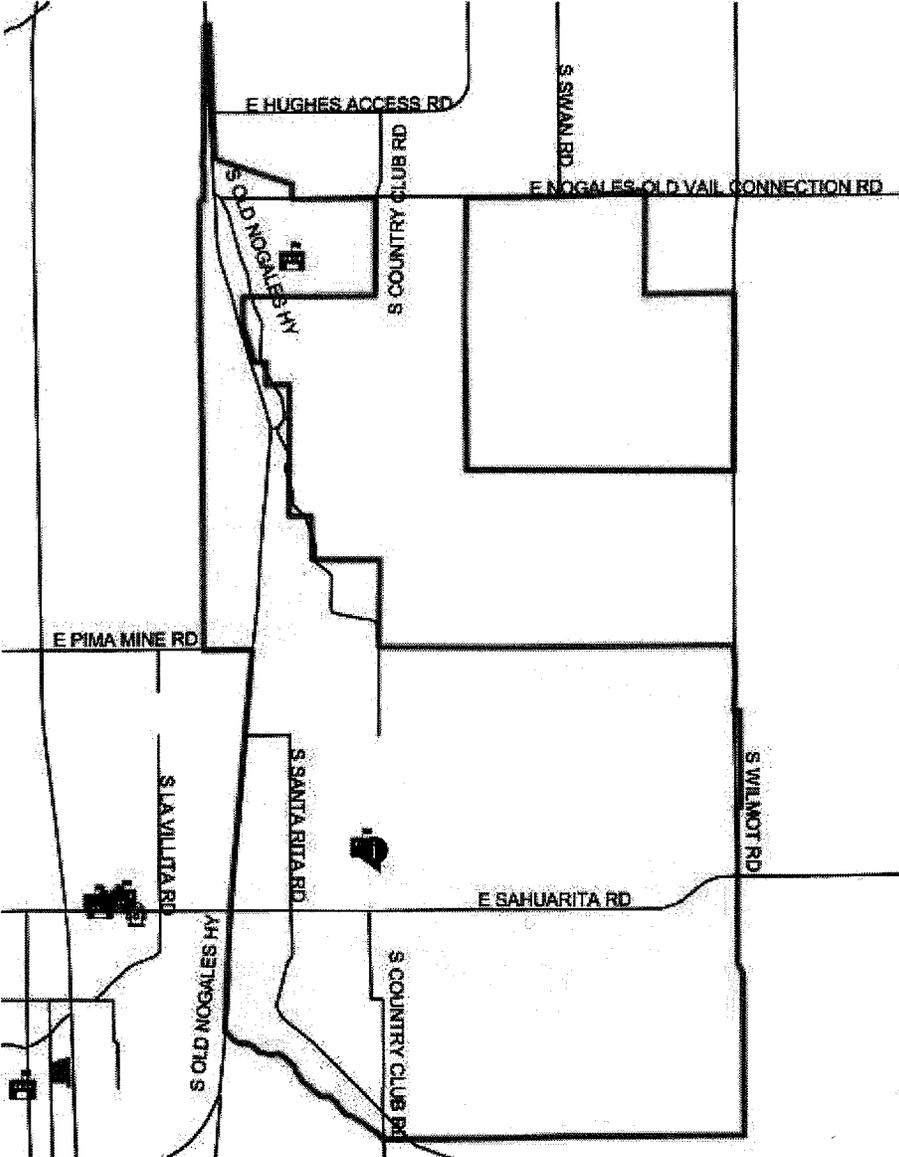
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian D. Conway".

Brian D. Conway  
Supervisor, Geophysics/Surveying Unit



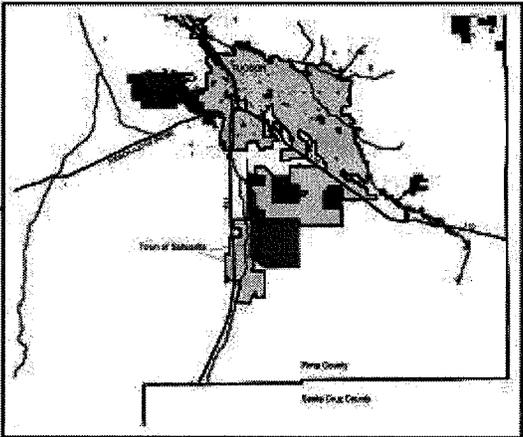
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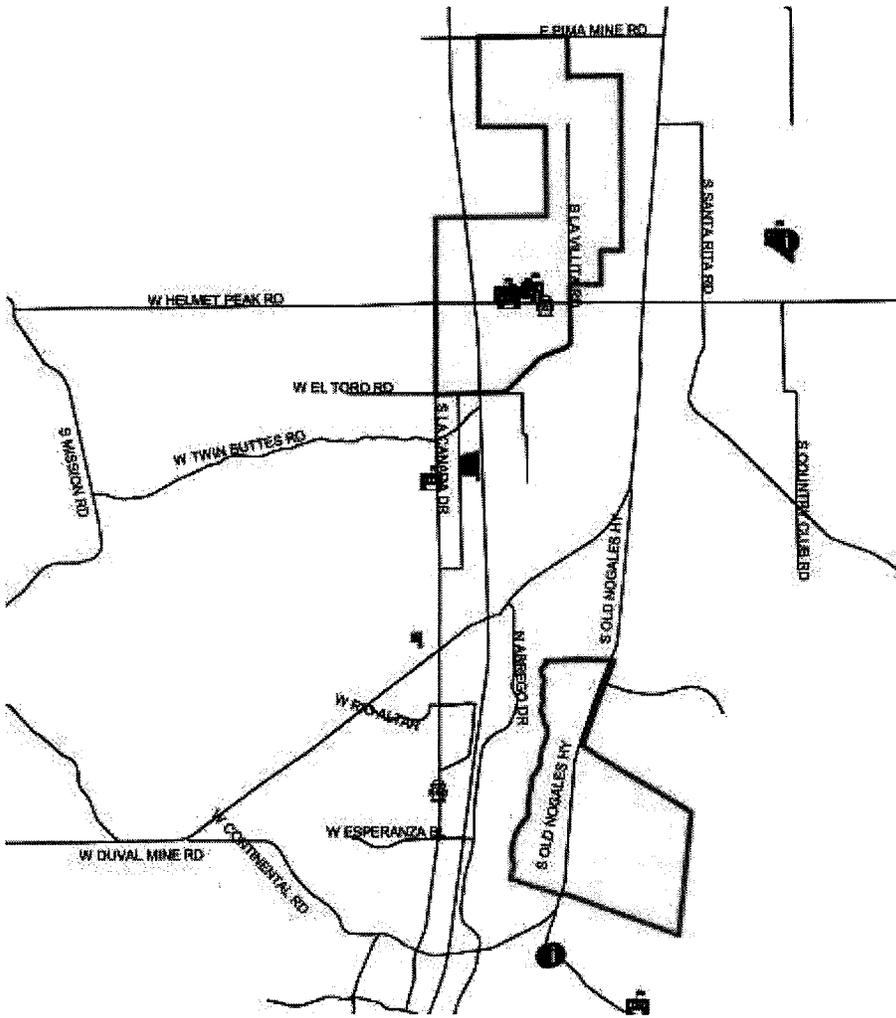
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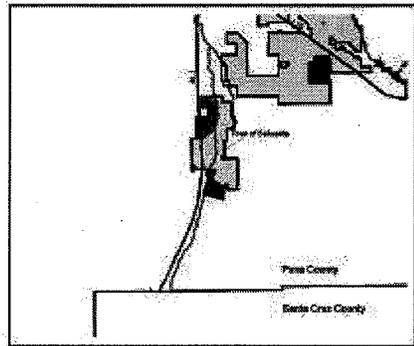


# Sahuarita Target Area



	Community Centers
	Schools
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**To:** [comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us)  
**Subject:** well and other concerns  
**Date:** 04/22/2008 03:08 PM

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**I am very concerned about the proposed mining projects impact on my well and my life in general.**

**My water is pumped from well number 55-211822. I would like to know what impact the Rosemont mine would have on my well. Can I expect the water table to be lowered? If so will my well run dry? If my well runs dry who will pay to get water to my home? What do you estimate the future groundwater table depth to be?**

**I currently have water at a depth of 740' with a well total depth of 810'. The cost to drill my well was \$38,000 and I hope you can assure me that my well is protected from contamination or degradation in any way as a result of mining activity.**

**I thought that Hwy 83 was a scenic highway not a mining haul truck access road. What about Cieniga creek? I thought the forestry service had a responsibility to protect our nations dwindling open lands from damage.**

**My home has a scenic view from an elevation of 4780' and has a beautiful SW views of the national forest. Will I have bright lights, dust noise and sonic booms as a result of this mining activity? I also work nights and get home about 3:30AM. I wonder if the daytime noise will prevent me from being able to sleep.**

**Thank you for answering these questions and concerns**

**Sincerely  
Kenneth E Paul Jr**

**Name and address  
Kenneth E Paul Jr.  
16050 E Hillton ranch Rd.**

**Tucson AZ 85641**  
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"Ken Paul"  
<kenanddeb@cox.net  
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To: <comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us>  
cc:  
Subject: Concerns about my well being impacted by mining

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**I am very concerned about the proposed mining projects impact on my well and my life in general.**

**My water is pumped from well number 55-599621. I would like to know what impact the Rosemont mine would have on my well. Can I expect the water table to be lowered? If so will my well run dry? If my well runs dry who will pay to get water to my home? What do you estimate the future groundwater table depth to be?**

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**Subject:** Questions about the mine project  
**Date:** 04/22/2008 12:29 PM

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These are some questions that I would like Augusta to answer

1. 1. If Augusta pursues the Peach-Elgin, Broadtop Butte, and Copper World prospects in the future how could their development combined with the Rosemont mine not drastically impact the scenic views?
2. 2. If they don't plan to develop these mines in the future then will they donate the Peach-Elgin mine, Broadtop Butte mine, and Copper World mine properties to Pima County for conservation before the Rosemont mine proceeds?
3. 3. Augusta resources makes it clear that the people of Green Valley, Tucson, and Vail will not see the Rosemont Mine. If they have future plans for additional mines in the area shouldn't they be fair to the public and inform them of these plans and their impact? The Peach-Elgin mine will clearly be visible to residents of Green Valley.
4. 4. A group of us visited the area recently and were told by subcontractors of Augusta Resources that there is no trespassing, that it is private land. The road we were traveling was a national forest land road. Many of the roads providing access to national forest land pass through Augusta's property. Don't they have to provide access to the National forest land?
5. 5. Augusta claims that the water they use will come from CAP. Isn't it true that they are only allowed to purchase and store EXCESS CAP water and there is no guarantee of it. What if there is no excess CAP water available?
6. 6. Is there any guarantee that Rosemont mine will not pump groundwater from the East side of the Santa Rita's?
7. 7. What effect on the groundwater table will digging a mile wide

2500 foot deep pit have on the groundwater on the East side of the Santa Ritas. Many residents have wells that are 3 to 4 hundred feet deep. Will they require deeper wells, or will city water have to be provided? Who will pay for this?

8. 8. If the groundwater to the east of the Santa Rita's becomes polluted like the Green Valley water where, will the water for all of us living in the Sonoita/Patagonia corridor come from and will Augusta Resources guarantee they will pay all related expenses to get it piped directly to our homes?

9. 9. Many residents in this area are on fixed income. If their wells run dry many cannot afford to have them drilled deeper. Proving that the mines are responsible for lower groundwater tables is difficult. If this becomes a problem will Augusta guarantee that they will pay for well improvements necessary to provide water?

10. 10. In Augusta's water plan dated 5/2007 they claim that in 2007 they would recharge 15,000 acre feet in the Santa Cruz Basin. What is the status of this claim?

11. 11. Mine blasting creates sonic booms. What times of day would Rosemont blast? If it effects nearby homes by cracking foundations and stucco, will Augusta pay for improvements that are necessary?

12. 12. What will the mine do to assure the light pollution does not adversely impact the observatories on Mt Hopkins? If it is later discovered that the lights do interfere with the Mt Hopkins observatories will Augusta Resources guarantee in writing that they will either reduce the lighting to acceptable levels, or if that is not possible to stop mining during the night? According to Augusta's lighting plan "The project, although not required to do so, will make every attempt to comply with the Pima county Outdoor lighting code. It should be noted, however, that federal and state laws also require Rosemont operations to give utmost attention to the safety of its employees and the public"

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hours?

14. 14. Will the I-10 Marsh Station Bridge be updated to eliminate the oversized loads now routed through SR83, or will these loads share this dangerous winding road with Augusta's trucks?

15. 15. Will passing lanes be installed anywhere along SR83 to allow traffic to pass slower moving trucks?

16. 16. Wouldn't it be better and less intrusive on the current SR83 travelers to improve it before opening the mine so it can handle the additional volume of heavy trucks, perhaps make it a concrete highway in the sections supporting heavy trucks?

17. 17. The interchange from I-10 onto SR83 is not the safest. It consists of sharp curves, and an intersection of I-10 traffic, frontage road traffic, and old Sonoita highway traffic. It can be a very confusing intersection. Shouldn't this interchange be redesigned to handle the large increase in traffic volume before people die?

18. 18. What type of trust is being established for the land reclamation? When will it be funded in full?

19. 19. What criteria will be used to determine when the Rosemont mine is closed?

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**Subject:** My concerns about the proposed mine  
**Date:** 04/22/2008 12:27 PM

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## **General Questions:**

1. 1. What type of trust is being established for the land reclamation? When will it be funded in full?
2. 2. What criteria will be used to determine when the Rosemont mine is closed?
3. 3. Who in the forest service actually makes the final decision whether to grant the Rosemont mine the right to use National Forest Service land? What criteria is their decision based upon.

## **Water Resources;**

### **Questions concerning water resources**

1. 1. There are already strains on the water supply coming from the Colorado River to the Central Arizona Project. One look at lake levels along the damn system will verify this. If water allocations are reduced due to lack of water will Augusta Resources guarantee in writing that the reduction in water will be absorbed by them in their allocation and not the public of Green Valley and Sahurita even if that leads to the requirement of shutting down or slowing activity at the mine?
2. 2. If the groundwater in our area becomes polluted like the Green Valley water where, will the water for all of us living in the Sonoita/ Patagonia corridor come from and will Augusta Resources guarantee they will pay all related expenses to get it piped directly to our homes?
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they require deeper wells, or will city water have to be provided? Who will pay for this?

5. 5. Many residents in this area are on fixed income. If their wells run dry many cannot afford to have them drilled deeper. Proving that the mines are responsible for lower groundwater tables is difficult. If this becomes a problem will Augusta guarantee that they will pay for well improvements necessary to provide water?

6. 6. Is the Cumulative effect of all of the area mines water use and contamination problems being considered in the approval of these mines?

7. 7. In Augusta's water plan dated 5/2007 they claim that in 2007 they would recharge 15,000 acre feet in the Santa Cruz Basin. What is the status of this claim?

## **Noise Pollution**

1. Mine blasting creates sonic booms. What times of day would Rosemont blast? If it effects nearby homes by cracking foundations and stucco, will Augusta pay for improvements that are necessary?

## **Light Pollution from night operations;**

### **Questions concerning Light Pollution**

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## Safety on Arizona State Road 83

Augusta Resources estimates approximately 4 trucks per hour 24 hours per day 7 days a week. They also claim that they will not transport material during peak travel times.

### Questions concerning SR83 Safety:

1. 1. The School buses are on the road M-F from 6:00AM to 8:30AM, 11:00AM to 12:00PM and from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. Will trucks carrying ore or explosive supplies to the mine travel on the road during these hours?
2. 2. Will the I-10 Marsh Station Bridge be updated to eliminate the oversized loads now routed through SR83, or will these loads share this dangerous winding road with Augusta's trucks?
3. 3. Will passing lanes be installed anywhere along SR83 to allow traffic to pass slower moving trucks?
4. 4. How much more frequently will road maintenance be required on SR83 due to the volume of heavy trucks if the Rosemont mine is approved? **Since it is a two lane highway construction has a major impact on travel times and safety.**
5. 5. Can SR83 in its present state support the loads and volume that Augusta has presented?
6. 6. Wouldn't it be better and less intrusive on the current SR83 travelers to improve it before opening the mine so it can handle the additional volume of heavy trucks, perhaps make it a concrete highway in the sections supporting heavy trucks?
7. 7. The Portland Cement mine approved in the Empire Mountains will also be sending Trucks onto SR83. What will the cumulative effect of Rosemont traffic and Portland's traffic have on safety?
8. 8. The interchange from I-10 onto SR83 is not the safest. It

consists of sharp curves, and an intersection of I-10 traffic, frontage road traffic, and old Sonoita highway traffic. It can be a very confusing intersection. Shouldn't this interchange be redesigned to handle the large increase in traffic volume before people die?

9. 9. Is the Arizona Department of Transportation involved in the mine approval process to ensure proper planning to account for the increased SR83 use and safety issues?

10. 10. Has the Federal Highway Safety Administration information from the Arizona 2007 Five percent report which outlines the top 5 percent of its locations currently exhibiting the most severe highway safety needs be taken into account when determining SR83 safety?

## **Loss of Scenic Beauty and Public investment**

**Questions about scenic impact:** I know they want to limit our questions to what they are doing today at Rosemont, but they were very clear in their desire to "explore" Peach-Elgin, Broadtop Butte, and Copper World prospects in the future.

1. 1. If Augusta pursues the Peach-Elgin, Broadtop Butte, and Copper World prospects in the future how could their development combined with the Rosemont mine not drastically impact the scenic views?

2. 2. If they don't plan to develop these mines in the future then will they donate the Peach-Elgin mine, Broadtop Butte mine, and Copper World mine properties to Pima County for conservation before the Rosemont mine proceeds?

Corridor management involves the preparation of a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) which must be completed as part of proposing a scenic byway for national designation. (SR83 was the second scenic road designation in Arizona) The CMP is an inventory of the corridor's existing conditions including the intrinsic qualities that attract visitors to the corridor. The plan outlines goals and strategies for preserving and enhancing the features of the scenic byway.

3. 3. The Arizona Department of Transportation has spent a great deal of taxpayer money to perform a Corridor Management Plan for the Sonoita/Patagonia Scenic route on SR83 and SR82. A vast amount of information is available in this report. Is the ADOT consulted during the approval process and the information they have compiled considered in the approval?

4. Augusta resources makes it clear that the people of Green Valley, Tucson, and Vail will not see the Rosemont Mine. If they have future plans for additional mines in the area shouldn't they be fair to the public and inform them of these plans and their impact? The Peach-Elgin mine will clearly be visible to residents of Green Valley.

5. A group of us visited the area recently and were told by subcontractors of Augusta Resources that there is no trespassing, that it is private land. The land they were on was clearly national forest land. Does August Resources have a right to stop the public from enjoying this land? Many people travel to Gunsight Pass daily. Augusta is already constructing new roads, putting up fences and other obstacles to prevent access. Is this legal? THIS IS OUR LAND!

## **Economic Impact**

On 2/11 2007 the Sonoran Desert Institute released their Final mining study. The study says if the mines displaced only one percent of travel and tourism-related spending in the region, the economic loss would be greater than the entire annual payroll of the mine. Augusta Resources tries to gain public approval of the mine by advertising the jobs and tax revenue for both the state of Arizona and the Fed's. Does the study take into account the loss of tourism dollars and land values?

Thanks,  
Ken & Deb Paul

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Members of the Sahuarita Governing Board, Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent,

As you are well aware, Rosemont mining is in the process of applying for the permits and approval to begin mining in the Santa Rita mountains for copper with an open pit mine.

My neighbors and I are one of several groups trying to distribute educational material concerning the impacts of the proposed Rosemont Copper mine and are attempting to obtain permission to have tables outside of the high school building tomorrow night (Tuesday April 22).

We have been informed by Joanne Harris (Sahuarita High School) that this is not possible under any circumstances.

This letter is an appeal to allow us the ability to bring our own tables and displays for the meeting and the permission to display information outside the building.

The Forest Service has given permission and has allowed this disciplined freedom of speech at 3 Open Houses in the the past. As a matter of fact, it worked very well at the last Open House in Vail, just down the street from you.

One of your citizens, Robert Robuck has worked tirelessly for this meeting to give the individuals of your community, especially those of the more modest and low income neighborhoods, an opportunity to learn a full spectrum of information about this proposed project. I am sure as educators and public servants you understand the need present all sides of an issue- especially to those who might not have another opportunity to attend other meetings given the rising cost of gasoline.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance  
Elizabeth Webb  
Vail/Cienega Corridor Volunteer

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wrote:

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To: Neal Hanna [neal790@yahoo](mailto:neal790@yahoo)

Subject: Impacts of using SR83 as primary access proposed Rosemont mine and ALTERNATIVES

Date: 4/19/08 Attn: Rosemont team leader  
I am taking this opportunity to comment on one of the many Impacts the proposed Rosemont mine will have on the motoring public neighbors , my spouse Diane and myself. We reside on Hilton Ranch Rd. ,a short distance from the proposed mine. We use SR83 to commute and will be addressing the use of this highway by the mine , its employees , numerous vendors , dangerous HAZ-MAT and Ore shipments to a rail spur for shipment. I was quite surprised ,why the mine would use a narrow , windy two lane state highway with almost nonexistent highway shoulders as it's primary access.

The highway was redesigned in the early 1950's resulting in

it being widened, straighten and paved. The highway had its most significant improvement in early sixties where it was straighten out , creating the old sonoita highway and giving us the long straight portion of roadway, where Sahuarita Rd. intersects with the present day SR 83. Our SR 83 is already dangerous highway and add this to another two mines that are awaiting certification by state govt agencies to the north of the proposed Rosemont mine.

When you consider the impact of

Rosemont on SR83 , WE cannot not choose to ignore these additional mines and how they will IMPACT the motoring public as well! This highway is one of only two in the state.that have been designated SCENIC! (1985)  
When Rosemont /Helvetia area was last mined ,early 1900.s the primary access was through Sahuarita through the Santa Rita Expiermental Range. on a wide level dirt road Helevetia that has existed since the early 1900's. The Santa Rita Expiermental Range Road has topograhly which is gradual until you get to the Patent and Unpatent mining claims, in "Helvetia". I am sure Augusta will mine here after , approval, to avoid more PUBLIC OUTCRY, after all these claims on US Forest number in excess of 14,000 + acres mostly on top and the west side of the Santa Ritas and have higher concentrations of ore. All mines have a rail spur to deliver and transport its goods and products, in order to substain the mining operation. The only reason why they haven't included it ,is because its their first mining venture. This spur would add to the motoring public SAFETY. by removing the ore trucks from the highway! The state govt.would the main obstacle and the state(gov.) is notoriously easier to deal than the federal govt.. Paving the road and adding a Spur running parallel to the Helvetia road after leaving the tracks in Sahuarita. This spur would remove ore

shipments from SR83, not to mention ACID and REAGENTS which are Extremely HAZARDOUS . A compounding a toxic spill , when a tanker truck overturns dumping its load in the drainage,Davidson Canyon, which is a major Tributary in the Ceineiga Creek Water Shed TUCSON ,VAIL AND OUR NEIGHBORS depend on this source . for Potable water!! It should be noted tha Davidson Canyon wash runs adjacent to SR83 by only "FEET".

In conclusion , SR 83 has an average of 1200 mtr. vehicles a day. Due to the hills, as it runs along side the Davidson drainage, the highway has numerous vision obstructions, intersections on blind curves{Hilton Rch. Rd}.and is already dangerous with numerous accidents. THE MOST DANGEROUS CONVOLUTED INTERSECTION on SR 83 is its jct to I-10. It has always existed. Increase of traffic in the last few years ,growth in the Vail area compounded by ADOT and AZDPS allowing OVERSIZE LOADS to stage and some being parked overnite in this area to Bypass Marsh Station interchange, that has been on hold for various reasons to numerous to mention!! You also have Old Sonoita hwy. ,I-10 e/b frontage rd.,intersecting and School bus stops, with a large amount of US mail boxes. This is why we need ADOT involved in this Process!The types of motorists that use this highway are varied. We have commuters driving to and from Tucson, RVs,Recreationalists pulling horse, ATV boat trailers. SCHOOL BUSES stopping , dropping off and picking up their precious cargo: at all different times due to Half day scheduled Kindergarten and Pre-Schoolers. In addition we also have wide loads , Bicyclists , motorcycles all sharing the road !! An added bonus to drivers on SR83, we have smugglers transporting Human cargo or Narcotics and the subsquent chases with Pedestrians , U.D.A.'s running to and from on our state highway. Oh I almost forgot, Medavac Helicopters need the highway to land on SR83 transporting medical emergencies due either to neighbors with life threatening conditions and injured motorists!! My spouse has been transported several times to area hospitals last year (2007). I have demonstrated that this highway are my neighbors and Our LIFELINE!!!! I was told by Jamie Strugress VP augusta corp. stating "WE CAN DRIVE OUR TRUCKS ANYWHERE WE WANT"

who am I to agrue. You can. But please  
Don't

WE want to be good neighbors as well!  
Sincerely Neal and Diane Hanna

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comments;

The Forest Service could grant Augusta the right to mine and dump waste onto as many as 850 un-patented mining claims that may ultimately total an area in excess of 25 square miles—more than **twice** the size of the entire communities of Green Valley and Quail Creek combined.

The mine would have an impact on the hydrology and water quality of the Davidson Canyon drainage system, important to the City of Tucson. If Augusta mines or dumps waste onto the northern tier of un-patented mining claims, this probably would alter the hydrology and water quality of the Sycamore Canyon drainage system too, thus affecting Corona de Tucson also.

The mine would use enormous amounts of water from the Santa Cruz River aquifers—an estimated 5,000 to 7,000 acre-feet per year, an amount equal to that used annually by 20,000 to nearly 30,000 household members. Augusta claims that the water they use will be replaced by CAP water, though they do not have a CAP guarantee for the full life of the mine. Furthermore, CAP water, with its very high content of dissolved solids, is not the same fresh, potable water that Augusta would pump from the Santa Cruz River aquifers. The trade-off of CAP water for ground water is a bad deal.

The nearly pristine beauty of the Santa Rita Mountains would be destroyed forever. Mine reclamation procedures, though promised by Augusta, can never restore such beauty. One simply needs to look at the mine dumps at Green Valley to see this. Will real estate values be the same if large mining operations are carried on at residents' back doors, with nighttime lights, rock blasting and truck noise?

Is it worth allowing Augusta to proceed when there are so many potentially devastating consequences? We Arizonans could be left with one or more huge holes in the ground, a ravaged and possibly contaminated countryside, and contaminated groundwater. Our tourists would certainly shun the areas they used to love for hiking, camping and other soul-enriching activities.

\* The facts cited are from documents published by Augusta Resource or their consultants to satisfy information requests by the U. S. Forest Service or are from Augusta's reports to its stockholders, both written and verbal.

**From:** [leah](#)  
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**Subject:** Rosemont Mine  
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NO WAY. Arizona is going to have enough problems with water and this mine would potentially be disastrous to the AZ residents

Leah Fileman



acecilia51@yahoo.com

04/18/2008 08:52 PM

Please respond to  
acecilia51

To: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us.  
cc:  
Subject: Rosemont copper project

Thank you for your letter. We are glad to be given the opportunity to comment on the project. We think that this is a great opportunity for a new begging for a lot of people. Many jobs are greatly needed in the tucson areas and surrounding towns. And the many things you will being do for the environment. The money will you be putting in to the community.

Thank you. Cecilia Aguilar.  
Marty Badilla.

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile



"Sharon Antonick "  
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04/18/2008 04:26 PM

To: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us  
cc:  
Subject: Rosemont Mine

Dear Sir or Madam;

I would like to let you know how concerned I am. I am anxious for my family, the wildlife, the environment, the water, the birds, the scenery, not to mention, the damage to our roadways, our property, and our safety.

The devastation left behind, after the damage is done, sickens me. I feel helpless. Arizona has so little left to be proud of from the damage caused by the other mines working and closed. Just take a look at Green Valley. Nothing grows. The land is toxic. Highway 83 is one of our last scenic routes. And, this company (not even from the United States) wants to profit from our loss.

Please help. Do not let this happen. The impact we will feel is beyond comprehension. Please reconsider. Can there be a price put on the irreplaceable? We won't know the devastation until after the fact. Profiting whom? Another country. Where are our priorities?

Sincerely,

Sharon Antonick



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**Rosemont Team leader:**

**Has the Forest Service ever denied a mining application? Try this one.**

**The Rosemont mine will be bad for people, water, air, animals and the environment in general. We don't want it; don't let the mine happen.**

**Harrison Grathwohl  
787 S. La Huerta  
Green Valley, AZ 85514**



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04/18/2008 12:33 PM

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cc: RDTuggle@fws.gov, <RDTuggle@fws.gov>  
Subject: Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine's Impact On Threatened Species  
Chiricahua leopard frog (Rana chiricahuensis)

Good Afternoon;

I am contacting your department today to call attention to the fact that the Chiricahua leopard frogs' habitat happens to be located in the cienegas within the Coronado National Forest which is a critical area that will be impacted by the proposed mining project. It is my understanding that the Chiricahua leopard frog was listed by the EPA on June 13, 2002 (67 FR 40790) as a Threatened Species and is afforded Federal protection which involves the requirement of the USFS to complete an assessment via the NEPA process to determine if any current or proposed actions by any individual or business entity relative to land use could pose a threat to the Chiricahua's strategic Recovery Plan outlined by the EPA in March, 2007 (document U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2007. Chiricahua Leopard Frog (Rana Chiricahuensis) Recovery Plan. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, NM 149 pp. + Appendices A-M).

After reviewing the Chiricahua Leopard Frog (Rana Chiricahuensis) Recovery Plan it appears to me that the proposed Rosemont Mine is in direct conflict with what the Recovery Plan is trying to achieve as a primary goal -- the protection of this species habitat. Based on published literature, field notes, and museum records, Chiricahua leopard frogs in southeastern Arizona were most abundant under natural conditions in lowland cienegas and marshy streams. Specifically a Hale and Jarchow 1988 report states that "arsenic and or cadmium poisoning have been reported to be contributing factors in frog die-offs as arsenic often occurs at high levels near sulfidic mine tailings and may be leached by rainfall containing elevated levels of sulfate". "Cadmium originating from airborne emissions from copper smelters in southern Arizona and northern Sonora was identified as another possible cause of mortality".

In summary one can only conclude that this issue warrants further investigation, research, and evaluation as a means by which to comply with the EPA guidelines set forth regarding "REASONABLE ACTIONS that are believed to BE REQUIRED to recover and or protect listed species".

Sincerely,

Dona LaSchiava  
4511 West Rockwood Drive



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04/30/2008 01:00 PM

To: <comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us>  
cc:  
Subject: Concerning the Rosemont mine

To Whom it may concern:

As an informed citizen of Tucson I believe I speak for many who would express: Please don't build this mine. The arguments against it are endless and effective, major ones are particularly air, water, and noise pollution. All of which are enormous factors that contribute to the devastation of the amazing South West. To add to the argument this is such a particularly beautiful place to pollute, it is not destined for horrendous strip mining complemented with loud machines, polluted skies, destroyed soil, crowded highways, and irreplaceable wildlife. This mine would be such a horrible thing for all of these reasons but mainly for the fact that we cannot destroy or last bits of beautiful accessible lands in southern Arizona! We must save the wilderness of this beautiful land, our (humane citizens) wilderness is being eaten up little by little and 30 years of marginal mining is not worth giving up these piece of amazing, crucial, recreational, and magnificent land. Please have compassion and don't destroy the peoples, plants, and animals land. If you're not convinced of the harm take a look at strip mining pictures or read Abbey's "Desert Solitare". Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Frank Walter

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**From:** James Kramp  
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Water is precious in the Tucson area. Currently many golf courses are required to use effluent for their water source. I would like to propose that Rosemont mine use effluent (refined sewer water) as an alternative to groundwater, or in combination with the groundwater. Pima County is already studying the use of effluent by the public to meet future water needs, it would make more sense to use it for mining operations than our limited groundwater supplies.

Thank you

James R. Kramp  
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To: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us  
cc:  
Subject: Rosemont mine water usage

04/29/2008 12:25 PM

My water is pumped from well number #55-211142. I would like to know what impact the Rosemont mine would have on my well. Can I expect the water table to be lowered? If so will my well run dry? If my well runs dry who will pay to get water to my home? What do you estimate the future groundwater table depth to be? Will a bond be setup with funds to cover any potential direct or indirect impact the mine may have on my well, now and in the future? If a new source of water is required will its quality and purity be consistent with my current groundwater? Will my groundwater be monitored for any potential contamination from the mine?

Thank you for answering these questions

Sincerely

Randy Oberhoff  
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**Pima B Board of Supervisors. Ray Carroll.**  
**US Representative. Gabrielle Giffords**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT**

April 29, 2008

**Questions concerning the current status of affairs.**

1. Subcontractors are current drilling a well at the very eastern site of the Rosemont property. Did they obtain a permit and was removal of water from that site not excluded from their operation?
2. New cattle guards and gates were installed at all road entrances into their property. What will be done to assure that there will be no infringement onto the existing right of way?
3. Mining and removal of natural features has started at their property. Signs leading into the site state "access prohibited work area 24/7". A retaining pond was dug and a dam erected clearly containing mineral oxide polluted water. Already now threatening the Cienega Creek watershed. What was done to prevent this toxic water from draining into the groundwater? If no mining permit was issued will you stop this illegal activity?
4. This work area is located at the very west site of the property and goes into the crest of the mountain ridge. What safeguards are in place that the ridge will not tumble down into this work area?
5. As all roads are narrow dirt roads leading out of the private property, what has been, or what was agreed to be done to avoid accidents from happening as many outdoors enthusiasts are using the area?
6. As Augusta also owns the Helvetia mine will they be held to the same standards as the proposed for the Rosemont site? Currently the Helvetia site is an example of mining of the old days. Daily the mine is a source of air pollution and a dust bowl. The dirt road leading from and into the site is always visible from the valley and heavy trucks are driving at reckless speeds spreading the dust all over.
7. While Augusta obtained water rights, at this time this water may be replenished into the Avra-Valley aquifer or Sahuarita. However the wells being drilled are well above these replenishing sites and therefore will affect the status of the local ground water level and with this the existing wells in and around these new industrial deep wells. What will or has been done to counteract the negative effects?
8. With regard to point seven. As the proposal includes the construction of a CAP water line from Avra Valley to Sahuarita as well pipe lines from the new wells to the Rosemont property why would Augusta not propose to connect these two projects and use the CAP

- water for their operation?
9. Mining trucks and school buses on State Road 83. Current observations are showing incompatibility of these two forms of transportation. At the currently allowed speed of 55 miles school bus and mining truck have almost no room to spare. The logic would be to reduce the speed was it not that the mining trucks tend to drive at speeds well in excess of 55 miles an hour already. What will be done to take care of this current concern?

**Comments with regards to the proposal.**

1. As Rosemont Copper until this day has not completed the studies and documentation requested when the Forest Service rejected the second mining plan of operation, why is the Forest service in such a hurry to start the public review process?
2. Is the Forest Service familiar with all the plans of Augusta and if so will it consider the total impact of all mining plans in the area?
3. Will the Forest Service disclose all agreements currently in study or contemplated between Augusta and the Forest Service?
4. As the Santa Rita mountains of which the Rosemont area is an integral part is one of the internationally famous mountain islands with its own eco system, what will be the effect of an open pit mine on the area? Please detail the effects on plant and animal life especially birds. The Rosemont area is known to contain protected plant and animal species, also pre historic sites will consideration be given to this as well?
5. Madera Canyon an internationally famous birding area in the Santa Rita Mountains may be directly affected by any disturbance. Will an impact study be completed and published?
6. Currently the Santa Rita Mountains are drawing thousands of visitors into the area. Diminution of the Santa Rita's natural values could greatly reduce this number of visitors and have a big negative economical impact. Will you complete and publish an impact study?
7. Water usage and water pollution are a great concern as mentioned under point 7 above. So far there has been no mine on record that did not pollute the ground water. What will the Forest Service do to ascertain that this will be the first one that will not pollute? Will a report be published that details any and all actions and will this report be subject to public comment?
8. If and when this mine project, after much physical damage to the environment, sizzles out by lack of mineral deposits that are claimed to exist but so far are unproven, will the mining company be required to restore the land to original contours? Will a source fund be required to ascertain that this work can be completed?
9. Will the Forest Service make sure that the current ridgeline, behind which the Rosemont mine would be hidden from the Santa Cruz valley view, will be protected and not destroyed by any work on the eastern side?
10. Traffic on State Road 83 is a great concern. As mentioned currently it is dangerous as is. Will this road be widened to allow for mining traffic? Will a traffic study be completed and be subject to public comments?
11. Sahuarita road is local road connecting route 83 with Interstate 19. This road is by no means able to accommodate mining traffic. Will this road be used for mining-traffic and

if so will a study be completed detailing the impact and will it be subject to public comments?

12. Will the Forest Service wait making any decisions until all impact studies are completed and have been subject to proper public input?
13. Volunteer organizations working with the Forest Service in many different capacities have expressed their concern about the Rosemont mine project. Will their concern be considered and no pressure be exercised when voicing their opinion?

Respectfully submitted,

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## **A Quote from the US Forest Service Website:**

*American tradition of conservation dates to the 19th century. For more than a hundred years, the Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has built on that tradition by caring for the land and serving people.*

## **Care for the land and serve the people; STOP AUGUSTA RESOURCE CORPORATION**

- **Studies and documentation have not been completed**
- **Do not revise the Forest Plan to accommodate Augusta Resource Corporation**
- **Make the plans easily available to the general public**
- **Include Pima County, AZ Dept of Environmental Quality, AZ Game and Fish, AZ Historic Preservation as cooperating agencies in the EIS process**
- **Conduct a validity exam on all mining claims--waste, tailings and other facilities**

**Don't let our precious Santa Rita Mountains and desert be destroyed: Save our ground water, protect the wildlife, prevent the addition of 700 trucks/week on our roads, preserve our right to bike, hike, camp and bird watch.**

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To: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us (USFS)  
cc:  
Subject: Cumulative Effects of the Proposed Rosemont Mine On Water Supply

To Whom It May Concern;

As a newcomer to Tucson and having a dear friend who owns a well in the area of the proposed mine, not to mention the dozens of articles I have read regarding the dire need for water conservation in the Southwest - I have personally made it a point to attend several of the "scoping" meetings.

I have spoken to homeowners, ranchers, farmers, and small business owners, all of whom are concerned about the Cumulative Effects negatively impacting the source of water supply to not only said homeowners, ranchers, farmers, and small business owners but also to the wildlife that so graciously also inhabit the lands in question.. With the Asarco mine to begin ramping up to 100% capacity in addition to the Rosemont Mine - it becomes mind boggling to think about the amount of water that will so rapidly be sucked out of the earth - I strongly believe there is no room for another mine and is a horrific accident just waiting to happen. I agree that a hydrologic study is definitely warranted, but an IMPARTIAL study, not one obtained by Augusta Resources as this most definitely represents a conflict of interest.

In summary even a lay person can clearly conclude in a very short time frame that there simply is not enough existing water to supply all of these needs. The residents, business', and wildlife were there first and should be afforded protection for their future survival and not sold out to the highest bidder in exchange for a short term gain vs long term devastating pain. The internet is just loaded with REAL horror stories depicting life or rather lack of life after a mining company leaves a town.

Yours Truly,

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Comments, about the mining in the Santa Rita's. The Miller family are against the mining in our area. The water, air, and wildlife habitat should not be destroyed just because a FORIEGN country wants to mine copper. We as Americans should have some say in this.... DO NOT ALLOW THIS THIS TO HAPPEN!!!! PLEASE, PLEASE,PLEASE.

AGRICULTURE RETORES AND BEAUTIFIES, MINING DESTROYS AND DEVASTATES, TURNING THE EARTH INSIDE OUT, MAKING IT HIDEOUS, AND BLIGHTING EVERY GREEN THING. AS IT USUALLY BLIGHTS MAN'S HEART AND SOUL. Isabella Bird.

Thank your for listening to the People of this Great Country....  
David and Eileen Miller

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Subject: Re: Rosemont Mine Proposal

We all know that this proposed mine is a bad thing for the environment as well as for the residents of this area. We also know the will of the people will be ridden over by the greed of the mining company (and not even a US company at that)

That being said we are vehemently against the project and at least want to go on record as such. We have long since learned that what the majority of the US population wants and what big business wants are two different things in most cases and the Companies always do as they please ignoring the good of the people.

Marie Drummond  
Larry Lohman  
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Green Valley, AZ 85614



Ken Paul  
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04/27/2008 05:31 PM

To: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us  
cc:  
Subject: Even Canadians knows we are in trouble with water shortages .

Everyone else knows (even Canada knows) we are in trouble with water shortages, prolonged droughts and a rapidly declining water table. Why can't the people who have the power and responsibility to stop the mine get a clue that this mine is bad on every aspect of its concept.

Ken and Deb Paul

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# CANADA & WORLD

## B.C. dad officially charged with killing kids

**KAMILOOPS, B.C.** — The fugitive B.C. father captured in the woods after more than a week on the run has been officially charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of his children.

The Crown prosecutor announced the charges against Allan Schoenborn yesterday.

Schoenborn hid out for 10 days after 10-year-old Kaitlynn, eight-year-old Max and five-year-old Cordon were found slain in their home in nearby Merritt, B.C., on April 6.

The 40-year-old roofer was found in the woods just outside Merritt a week ago by a local resident walking his dog.

Schoenborn was transferred from RCMP cells to hospital for treatment of frostbite and dehydration after his arrest.

He's scheduled to return to court May 2 on charges of luring threats, stemming from an incident at his children's school a few days before the murders. He is also charged with escaping custody. RCMP have come under fire for not warning the public Schoenborn was on the loose until the day after the bodies were discovered.

— The Canadian Press

## Media balk at seizure of Habs riot videos

**MONTREAL** — Some media are challenging the police seizure of recorded images of the rioting that erupted after the Montreal Canadiens won their series against the Boston Bruins.

A police spokesperson said that, when first contacted, the media initially indicated they would refuse to hand over videotapes and photos taken after Monday's game.

But Sgt. Ian Lafreniere said yesterday they co-operated when investigators arrived in newsrooms with search warrants.

"Watching TV, we saw footage where it was so evident to see people committing crimes. That's the reason why we decided to do that," he told reporters.

Police officers visited the Montreal affiliate of CTV and a sealed envelope containing two DVDs with riot footage was handed over.

But the TV station also filed a letter of protest that said the material should remain sealed until a judge rules on the validity of the seizure. The DVDs contained copies of original footage that was broadcast along with visuals that were not aired.

— The Canadian Press

## McGuinty open to Baltovich inquiry

**TORONTO** — Premier Dalton McGuinty says he's sympathetic to calls for an inquiry into Robert Baltovich's murder conviction and subsequent acquittal.

In common with many other people familiar with the case, McGuinty says he wonders what went wrong.

Baltovich, who was found not guilty Tuesday in the 1990 murder of his girlfriend Elizabeth Bain, spent eight years in jail after a jury convicted him in 1992.

McGuinty says he'll be looking to Attorney General Chris Bentley for advice on an inquiry.

But Bentley seems less than enthusiastic about revisiting the issue, saying his first instinct is to say no to a probe.

Police, meanwhile, say they have no plans to launch any new investigation into the murder of the 22-year-old Bain whose body has never been found.

McGuinty also said he's open to considering compensation.

"When I hear this story and learn a little bit more about it, I think it affects all of us, and we ask ourselves well, 'How did we go wrong?'" McGuinty said.

— The Canadian Press

## ALL MY CHILDREN



JOHANNA HAYWARD, THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier Gordon Campbell says the polygamist community of Bountiful, B.C., poses a "vexing problem." "I'm as upset by what I understand is happening in Bountiful as I think most British Columbians are." Campbell noted the government has to move carefully to not make matters worse. Winston Blackmore, leader of the community, is pictured Monday with six of his daughters and some of his grandchildren.

# Home care boost expected

## Province moves to get chronically ill out of hospitals

BY ROB FERGUSON

**TORONTO** — In an effort to ease long emergency room waits, the government will soon help more chronically ill patients get out of hospitals, Health Minister George Smitherman says.

New supports to be announced in the coming weeks will pave the way for chronic patients — who no longer require the acute care hospitals provide — to return home or get into nursing homes.

That will open beds for seriously ill emergency patients, who often stay in the ER too long and also lead to backups with ambulances, Smitherman said yesterday.

"You'll see substantive effort on that," he said, hinting that more home care is in the works, likely by easing restrictions on how much patients can get after leaving hospital.

"You cannot have a good performing emergency room so long as an emergency room doesn't have beds to admit people," Smitherman told reporters after speaking to a health-care conference.

Patients can currently get a maximum of 80 hours of home care in the first 30 days after they leave hospital, and 60 hours for any subsequent 30-day period, which critics complain is not enough in many cases.

By some estimates, up to 20 per

cent of hospital patients are chronic and could be moved to their home or other facilities if space was available. But nursing homes are crowded and Smitherman has come under fire lately over concerns residents are waiting too long for help.

Progressive Conservative health critic Elizabeth Whiner said Smitherman's pledges are "re-rashed" election promises.

"People continue to suffer," she charged in the Legislature's daily question period, calling Smitherman's pledges "a lot of puffery and a lot of empty rhetoric" because he did not set a firm target for lowering emergency room waits.

Smitherman said the government has committed \$1.1 billion to help seniors stay in their homes longer over the next four years, instead of nursing homes and hospitals where it's more expensive to look after them.

"Care in the home is what seniors want and care in the home is what the health-care system will be best able to deliver because the number of seniors ... is going to double in the next 10 years," he told reporters.

That means more personal support, such as help with bathing and household chores, along with nursing, he suggested.

Toronto Star

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The Canadian Press

## Water fees more than a drop in the bucket?

**TORONTO** — Ontario is considering charging bottled water companies more than a "token" fee for the water they take from the province's lakes, streams and aquifers, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Nestlé Canada Inc. was recently given the green light by the environment ministry to take 1.3 billion litres of groundwater a year from an area near Guelph for only the cost of a \$3,000 application fee.

Starting next year, Ontario will charge \$3.71 for every one million litres of water taken by companies as a "conservation fee."

But McGuinty called that a "floor" price, and said the province is looking at more appropriate fees for bottling companies.

The Liberal government has promised for years to take action to deal with bottled water companies, pledging in its 2003 election platform to "stop allowing companies to raid our precious water supplies" and accusing previous Conservative governments of giving water away for free.

Environment Minister John Gerretsen said yesterday he's not prepared yet to put an actual price on water the companies take.

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The Santa Rita Mts are some of the most beautiful in the world. The mine would destroy this, possibly forever.

Water shortages are predicted for the near future in this drought-prone area. It was recently allowed to become overdeveloped. The copper mine would greatly exaggerate this problem with its water demands.

The issue of Global Warming is becoming a great concern. Which would be better for Global Warming? A copper mine or the current forest?

Thank-you  
Jeanne Thompson

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Subject: Environmental impact statements to USDA on Rosemont Mine  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

### Regarding Rosemont Mine & Davidson Canyon Portland Cement 4/13/08

**HEALTH:** Too many issues to discuss in this small format provided...

**WATER:** There is a **great potentiality** that toxic heavy metals and other chemicals into ground and surface waters draining into Tucson area water supplies, and impacting nearby riparian areas such as Davidson Canyon. This would also imperil important wildlife habitat and future drinking water sources for residential use. **More health issues here also...for us all!**

**AIR:** Air quality in the National Forest and surrounding residential areas will be degraded by both dust and truck exhaust associated with mine operations. **Again, health issues.**

**NOISE:** Daily blasting is required to remove rock (or overburden) covering the ore body. The impact to nearby residences, wildlife and recreational users in our National Forest will be equivalent to daily sonic booms....**and HEALTH?**

**LIGHT POLLUTION:** We no longer have the peaceful black skies our ancestors so enjoyed, due to the light wasted up into the night sky. It provides no useful lighting, wastes significant amounts energy, and threatens astronomical research. All of our observatories will suffer with another 24/7 mining operation!

**SCENIC VIEW:** Travelers along Scenic Hwy 83 are currently treated to a sweeping panoramic view of the Rosemont Valley at an overlook spot. The mine site dominates this view which currently consists of rolling hills of grasslands, dotted with oak trees and backed by a rugged ridge line. **Mental health?**

**TRAFFIC:** Mine traffic, including ore trucks and vehicles carrying heavy construction equipment and explosives for blasting, will share the narrow, winding Highway 83 with school buses, commuters, motorcyclists, bicyclists, and tourist traffic. **Dangers to health!**

**PROPERTY VALUES:** The areas south of the mine site have developed into high-end rural residential ranches and gorgeous homes. An open pit mine will severely impact the quality of life and reduce property values in those areas, **financial health...**

**RECREATION:** The Rosemont Valley is heavily used by mountain bikers, hikers, off-highway vehicles, bicyclists, hunters, camping families, beautiful trees and places for our children to run and know nature. Would you take YOUR family to camp and hike by an open pit mine?  
**Mental health here???**

**WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT:**

The Santa Ritas are recognized for the biological values and are an Important Birding Area (IBA). In addition, the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan lists part of the area around Rosemont as part of the Biological Core. And what about our priority vulnerable species including two Endangered Species: the Lesser Long-nosed bat, & the Pima Pineapple Cactus? In addition species are known to occur there: Chiricahua Leopard Frog, listed as threatened, and the Yellow-billed Cuckoo also a candidate for listing.

*According to the AZ Game and Fish Department* , also the Mexican Long-tongued Bat, Western Red Bat, Lowland Leopard Frog, the Giant Spotted Whiptail Lizard, Rufous-winged Sparrow and Bell's Vireo, are all in danger. The Mexican Spotted Owl may also occur there, based on its habitat requirements. **Health again...**

**ECONOMICS:** A recent study by the Sonoran Institute shows that a mine at Rosemont would have serious economic impacts to the surrounding communities. **Mental, physical and financial HEALTH!**

**The report found:** "...if the proposed Rosemont mine operations displaced only one percent of travel and tourism-related spending in the region, the economic loss would be greater than the entire annual payroll of the mine," Joe Marlow, senior economist with the Sonoran Institute. Most of the benefits would go to the Tucson area, while most of the **costs**, such as decreased tourism revenue, would be borne by communities near the mine" **Once again, Mental, physical and financial HEALTH!**



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Subject: Proposed Rosemont Mine

Dear Sir/Madam,

My family and I are strongly opposed to the proposed Rosemont Mine. As environmentalists and appreciators of unspoiled landscapes, we are concerned that the mine will impact water availability and water quality in the area, tourist and recreation-centered economies of small communities like Elgin, Sonoita and Patagonia and are concerned about the noise, dust and light pollution that the mine would create. In essence, the mine would deface a large chunk of mountainside in the Santa Rita's and in our opinion and a view shared by many others, this is the wrong place and the wrong time for a copper mine.

Sincerely,

Mitch, Fran and Jamie Stevens



Hugh Wilson  
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Subject: Environmental impact study for the proposed Rosemont Mine.

04/14/2008 10:13 AM

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From: Hugh T. Wilson  
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Dear Sirs;

I am writing to you in regard to the environmental impact study (EIS) that you are conducting for the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine near Sonoita, Arizona.

Considering that the ore deposit has an estimated usefulness of 19 years for mining, it makes sense to me to place it in a strategic reserve of some sort. If it is put into production soon, the product will probably be exported to China, or some other developing country, rather than find use in the US economy. There may come a time when the product will be needed here. Chances are that in the future, advanced mining and refining techniques will be developed that have less impact on the environment of the surrounding area.

Secondly, the proposed mine is right in one of the most important international flyways for birds and butterflies. Madera Canyon is to the SW, Ramsey Canyon is to the SE, and the grasslands and hills north of Sonoita are important stopovers in the flyway. You should be including your Canadian and Mexican counterparts in your deliberations for the EIS.

You may wish to know why I have interest in your work. I am a 78 year old retired electronic engineer. I have been passing through and visiting the Tucson area since the early 1960's. I currently have friends and family that live and work there, and I visit 4 to 5 times yearly. Based on what I have observed during the last 40 years, I think that future development needs to be carefully controlled in the Tucson regional area.

Sincerely,

Hugh T. Wilson



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To: comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us  
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Subject: Rosemont Mine

04/14/2008 08:53 AM

I am absolutely against the development of the Rosemont Mine. It's an incerdibly short-sighted project that will have a short period of benefit for a very few people, & with consequences that will be horribly negative, and unimaginably long-lasting. The company that stands to profit is clearly not local, since it's Canadian. The project will use an enormous amount of water that we no longer can afford to such a project. It will scar the land and ultimately decrease the reason most people come to our area to spend their tourist dollars - the beauty of our surroundings. Please refuse to allow this project for our future, and the future of our kids, grandkids, etc. Phil Merkle & Kim Igou

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No animals were harmed in the making of this e-mail. Phil



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cc:  
Subject: Re: Rosemont mine

04/13/2008 08:35 AM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my concerns for the building and opening of the Rosemont mine. I realize the impact would greatly improve the Tucson and S.E. Arizona economy. That is always a HUGE issue. As a returning community member, my concern is the environmental impact on the area. We have recently purchased our dream home in the foothills of the Santa Ritas. We do not want to have our view obstructed by mine tailings. More importantly, we do not want to have the air and water tainted by this mine. I understand that Augusta is trying to be a "good corporate citizen" by reducing its environmental impact on the area, however, they have acknowledged that "mining is a dirty business." Truthfully, the economical impact is not equal to the damage that will be done. This area cannot be replaced. The mine will eventually run out of quality ore, and the jobs will be lost. Look at the history of mining, and mining in S.E. Arizona in particular. I also understand that this area is not pristine, but it should be kept for public use. I do plan on attending the upcoming meetings and continue my opposition to the opening of this mine. This mine should be stopped.

Thank-you,  
Barbara L. Smith  
Future Vail resident



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04/12/2008 08:25 AM

**Gentlemen/Ladies**

## **I am totally against allowing Rosemont Mining Company to develop their site**

**in Southeast Arizona.** I have lived in and around Tucson since 1951, and in that timeframe I watched Southern Arizona go through some frightening water experiences. Things like water shortages, chemical contamination, and storm drainage problems. I moved to Vail in 2005 because I felt that Tucson's water problems would only get worse. I am now faced with having to move once again because of the prospect of a couple of major mining companies coming to SE Tucson to devour the precious water supply that hundreds of thousands of Southern Arizona residents depend on for their very livelihood. Is it fair to have an outside company come into our community and rob us of millions of gallons of our fresh drinking water for profit without consideration of the lives of people who plan to live and retire here?

I lived in Green Valley a few years ago and discovered that it is slowly sinking from the current water usage. With mining companies removing more water from that area, it is certain to sink more quickly. Additionally, I am in fear of the contaminants (tailings) that the Rosemont Mine and other mines planning to locate in SE Arizona, will adversely affect my drinking water in the same way that Hughes Aircraft (Raytheon) did in the past. This same contaminated water will enter Tucson's water table in the coming years. I am not a Geophysist or a Hydrogeologist, but I do recognize that this would be a travesty.

**In Summation:** It would be a shame to see a thriving community get destroyed because of a few selfish and greedy people. Speaking on behalf of my family, I am totally against any kind of mining in Southeast Arizona

in which our water supply is affected. It would be putting a burden on the good citizens of this community.

**Sincerely**

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1. The School buses are on the road M-F from 6:00AM to 8:30AM, 11:00AM to 12:00PM and from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. Will trucks carrying ore or explosive supplies to the mine travel on the road during these hours?
2. Will the I-10 Marsh Station Bridge be updated to eliminate the oversized loads now routed through SR83, or will these loads share this dangerous winding road with Augusta's trucks?
3. Will passing lanes be installed anywhere along SR83 to allow traffic to pass slower moving trucks?
4. How much more frequently will road maintenance be required on SR83 due to the volume of heavy trucks if the Rosemont mine is approved?  
**Since it is a two lane highway construction has a major impact on travel times and safety.**
5. Can SR83 in its present state support the loads and volume that Augusta has presented?
6. Wouldn't it be better and less intrusive on the current SR83 travelers to improve it before opening the mine so it can handle the additional volume of heavy trucks, perhaps make it a concrete highway in the sections supporting heavy trucks?

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1. The Portland Cement mine approved in the Empire Mountains will also be sending Trucks onto SR83. What will the cumulative effect of Rosemont traffic and Portland's traffic have on safety?
2. The interchange from I-10 onto SR83 is not the safest. It consists of sharp curves, and an intersection of I-10 traffic, frontage road traffic, and old Sonoita highway traffic. It can be a very confusing intersection. Shouldn't this interchange be redesigned to handle the large increase in traffic volume before people die?
3. Is the Arizona Department of Transportation involved in the mine approval process to ensure proper planning to account for the increased SR83 use and safety issues?
4. In Augusta's water plan dated 5/2007 they claim that in 2007 they would recharge 15,000 acre feet in the Santa Cruz Basin. What is the status of this claim?

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1. If Augusta pursues the Peach-Elgin, Broadtop Butte, and Copper World prospects in the future how could their development combined with the Rosemont mine not drastically impact the scenic views?
2. If they don't plan to develop these mines in the future then will they donate the Peach-Elgin mine, Broadtop Butte mine, and Copper World mine properties to Pima County for conservation before the Rosemont mine proceeds?
3. The Arizona Department of Transportation has spent a great deal of taxpayer money to perform a Corridor Management Plan for the Sonoita/Patagonia Scenic route on SR83 and SR82. A vast amount of information is available in this report. Is the ADOT consulted during the approval process and the information they have compiled considered in the approval?
4. Augusta resources makes it clear that the people of Green Valley, Tucson, and Vail will not see the Rosemont Mine. If they have future plans for additional mines in the area shouldn't they be fair to the public and inform them of these plans and their impact? The Peach-Elgin mine will clearly be visible to residents of Green Valley.

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1. A group of us visited the area recently and were told by subcontractors of Augusta Resources that there is no trespassing, that it is private land. The land they were on was clearly national forest land. Does Augusta Resources have a right to stop the public from enjoying this land? Many people travel to Gunsight Pass daily. Augusta is already constructing new roads, putting up fences and other obstacles to prevent access. Is this legal? **THIS IS OUR LAND!**
2. Augusta Resources tries to gain public approval of the mine by advertising the jobs and tax revenue for both the state of Arizona and the Fed's. Does the study take into account the loss of tourism dollars and land values?
3. Mine blasting creates sonic booms. What times of day would Rosemont blast? If it effects nearby homes by cracking foundations and stucco, will Augusta pay for improvements that are necessary?

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Attention: Team Leader Rosemont Copper Project,

Pease add to your Enviromental Impact Statement.

**AN EMERGENCY PLAN OF OPERATIONS IN THE ADDVENT OF;**

1. Southern Arizona is about out of Water, what are you going to do?  
Are you going to stop the mines usage of Water, or are you going to let the mine continue to use Water even when we know there is little WATER left?
2. THERE IS NO WATER,! What are you going to do?
3. WATER CONTAMINATION : Where are you going to get water from for the people?  
How will you get the water to the people?
3. Vehicular accident on Highway 83  
The accident is a School Bus filled with many children,  
How are you going to get emergency vehicles to the scene of the accident when the Highway is filled with many Trucks, and all the other traffic going in BOTH Directions?
  
4. Their is a Hugh Fault Line that runs along the West side of The Santa Rita's, What if the culmative blasting from all the mines, causes an Earthquate. What is your Emergency Plan?

Whose in charge of these Emergencies?

**THIS ALL NEEDS TO BE ADRESSED AS TO THE FACT THAT THE MINES ARE LOCATED RIGHT SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF A GROWING COMMUNITY, AND THEIR IS NOT ONE MINE, BUT MULTIPLE MINES!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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## **Augusta has no intentions of stopping with the Rosemont Mine**

According to an article in **World Mining Stocks** from Sept 2007, issue 11 Gil Clausen, president and CEO of **Augusta Resource** noted that although developing Rosemont is the companies primary focus, three other properties in Augusta's land holdings offered opportunities for **further exploration**. These properties are the **Peach-Elgin, Broadtop Butte, and Copper World prospects**. The article makes it clear that **Augusta has no intentions of stopping with the Rosemont Mine**. Rosemont may be where they plan to start but it looks like they intend on pursuing several future mines along the Sonoita-Patagonia Scenic route, and one on the west side of the Santa Rita's, which will be visible from Green Valley. Augusta is not making it clear to the public what their future intentions are in the Santa Rita's.

These are our concerns and some questions we would like answered by the ROSEMONT representatives

And the National Forest Service representatives:

### **Water Resources;**

#### **Questions concerning water resources**

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## **Noise Pollution**

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## **Light Pollution from night operations;**

### **Questions concerning Light Pollution**

1. What will the mine do to assure the light pollution does not adversely impact the observatories on Mt Hopkins?

2. If it is later discovered that the lights do interfere with the Mt Hopkins observatories will Augusta Resources guarantee in writing that they will either reduce the lighting to acceptable levels, or if that is not possible to stop mining during the night? According to Augusta's lighting plan "The project, although not required to do so, will make every attempt to comply with the Pima county Outdoor lighting code. It should be noted, however, that federal and state laws also require Rosemont operations to give utmost attention to the safety of its employees and the public"

## **Safety on Arizona State Road 83**

Augusta Resources estimates approximately 4 trucks per hour 24 hours per day 7 days a week. They also claim that they will not transport material during peak travel times.