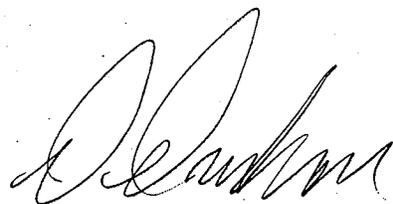


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The proposed Rosemont Copper Mine is located in a beautiful and fragile area. The whole ecosystem is dependant on the water which the mine will suck up. Without water the ecosystem and the native species in it will be exterminated.

This will greatly anger many environmental groups, which will cause them to sue you, because you are responsible for maintaining this ecosystem. They will not forget the species and the ecosystem in the future, but will use them as a rallying cry. We, as residents of Vail will band together with them and use all of the resources we can get our hands on to make life as difficult as possible for all the organizations that have made this mine possible.





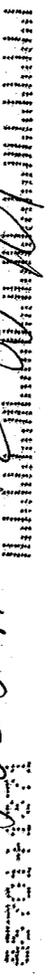
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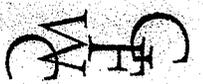
The proposed Rosemont Copper Mine is located in a beautiful and fragile area. The whole ecosystem relies on water which the mine will require. Unless the mine is able to furnish the fresh clean water it is removing from Cienega Creek in Davidson Canyon, the area will dry up and become a desert. This will devalue the land, welcoming lawsuits. Furnishing water to any other area will not help this problem any. As landowners downstream near Cienega Creek we have to oppose this mine, and we hope you will take the time to investigate the potential problems from this mine before they happen.

Thank You

Jimmy Durham

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Prosser Copper Project

Dean Keaton

Deacon, Oregon

April 1, 1998

Dear Sirs:

My husband and I want to go on record as to opposing the copper mine to be located in the Santa Rita. Our main concern is the WATER issue; water is becoming the number one concern of this area of Oregon. The so-called "profits" of this mine would cost loss of the spruces, destruction of the "dry lands" and area about and granddams; upset the diversity and habitat of wildlife and birds — create traffic, waste, and damage to the forest.

Please do not let this happen — it is ridiculous that a law passed so many years ago would cost us this Problem. Sincerely,
Dorothy & Ralph Double

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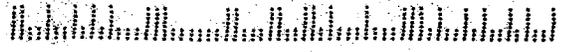
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PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

COMMENT: My wife and I feel strongly that the Rosemont mine would be a huge disaster. It would severely compromise a critical wildlife corridor - one essential for the movement of animals from the Santa Ritas and places south of there to the Rincons/Catalinas etc. The proposed site is also part of unique habitat. As such it is an important part of Pima County's planned conservation area - and holds an important relationship to the La Cienega Conservation area.

The mine would also be an ugly blight on a key scenic area that is enjoyed by many visitors traveling south to Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia. My wife take their trips typically once a month because we love the views and the attractions further south.

Please do not approve the mining project at the Rosemont site! it would be a tragedy to me.

NAME: Roger Barthelson

EMAIL: azroger@cox.net

ADDRESS: 1770 N Lone Ridge Pl. Tucson AZ 85745

PLEASE ADD ME TO THE MAILING LIST (circle one): YES NO

Please be advised that comments and personal information associated with them, such as names and addresses, become part of the Administrative Record for this NEPA review. As such, they may be made available to a third-party upon request under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Personally identifying information is protected by the Privacy Act. If you do not wish for your personal information to be released under the FOIA, you may choose not to include it with your comments. Alternatively, you may request an exemption from FOIA with your comment submittal. Should you choose the latter, you would be informed by the Forest Service as to whether or not your request qualifies for an exemption. If it does not, you would be afforded the opportunity to resubmit your comments without personal information or to withhold them altogether.

April 4, 2008

Beverly Everson
Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress Street
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Ref.: *Emphatically NO to Rosemont Mining, Augusta Resource Corp.*

Dear Ms. Everson,

Why are we using 130 year old Mining Regulations, to decide the best use of our precious Arizona lands? This is the 21st Century, not the 19th! Nonetheless, we are allowing regulations set 130 years ago, in 1872 to decide the best use of our lands...and to a foreign entity no less? AND selling it off to them at the bargain basement price (1872 prices) of \$2.50 to \$5.00/acre! An estimated 230,000 acres of public Arizona lands have already been sold to private interests! Certainly I would have taken some of that deal!

The proposed Rosemont Canyon mine consists of 4,755 acre; 995 acres of private lands, 3,670 of National Forest lands, which the Forest Service is supposed to protect and administer for us! These properties DO NOT belong to the U.S. Forest Service, but to US, the individual taxpayer. We demand that there be NO revision to the Forest Plan to accommodate Augusta! The Forest Service should NOT revise the Forest Plan to accommodate mining. The 1872 Mining Law does not require the Forest Service to revise this plan to accommodate mining. If Augusta's Mining Plan of Operation (MPO) cannot meet the current standards and requirements of the Forest Plan, then the Forest Service must deny the mine. There are also, 15 acres administered by the BLM and another 75 acres of Arizona State Trust Lands involved in this issue! All to be decimated for a Canadian beneficiary! And which, once the price of copper falls, 2 years, 5 years, will be left an everlasting scar, never to recover, on our well traveled scenic vistas in the Empire-Fagan range, and the beautiful Scenic Santa Rites. Disgraceful! Our Forest Service must conduct a validity exam on all mining claims Augusta wants to use for their mine waste, tailings, and other facilities. Unless these claims are valid, Augusta has no real legal right to use our public land as their personal dump.

Canadian owned Augusta Resource Corp, is ready to make money in our County, by systematically destroying the beautiful lands we call home, OUR Country, not theirs! National Monuments, State designated "Scenic routes", (i.e. Hwy 83 to Sonoita/Patagonia from Interstate 10), all in jeopardy. It's anticipated that there will be a Semi load, running along State designated "Scenic Route" 83, 24/7 every 10 -15 minutes (1000 trips/week) once the Rosemont Mine is approved, and guess who picks up that bill? Why, Pima County of course - you and I! No matter the amounts that Augusta has "promised" to the State of Arizona, do we really place our futures and those of generations to come into the care of a company so desperate for recognition and "validity" that they actually play tricks on our less than fortunate citizens, promising dinners, future jobs, great benefits, etc.? (See Denogean: Stunt pulled by mining firm just shameless, by Anne T. Denogean in the March 28, 2008 issue of the Tucson Citizen) Augusta Resource Corporation has not yet completed the studies and documentation requested when the Forest Service rejected their second Mining Plan of Operation. For example, the hydrologic studies are not yet complete; therefore the hydrologic impacts cannot yet be determined. Rosemont has already cleared what appears to be about 1000 acres of private property and chained the roads...with no definitive permits or study findings in place, quietly working away at our children's legacy! We live one mile East of Sonoita Hwy between mile posts 50 &51 and cannot believe in the increase of heavy traffic on our once peaceful Scenic Drive home!

Cost to travelers on our Scenic Route (83) is anticipated to increase to about \$949,000/year and Societal costs associated with increased driving of at least \$418,000! The proposed mine would also cost the local school district an estimated extra \$10 million per year! More danger for our School buses, our children waiting at bus stops...with coming and going semi loads of "tailings" every 10-15 minute ?!

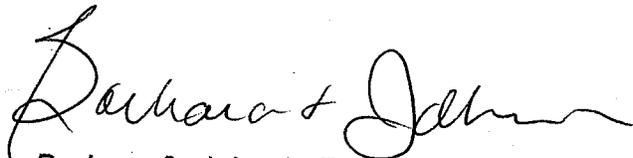
It has been estimated that the Tourist industry of Pima & Santa Cruz counties is about \$2.95 Billion/year, but we can kiss a large portion of that a fond farewell if the mines indeed begin their operations in earnest. I've said it before, but what is so "Scenic" about the kind of destruction that we currently see west of Green Valley? I wouldn't take my vacation there...would you?

Cienega Creek (which by the way, Augusta wants to fill Barrel, Wasp, McCleary, and Scholefield Canyons, yet claims no impact to the Cienega Creek watershed!), Davidson Canyon, a nominated Wildlife Habitat, as well as Rosemont Canyon, our decreasing water table, the peace, beauty, solitude and scenic attraction for thousands of out-of-state tourists, are all in serious peril of becoming a beautiful memory our children will only have "heard" of!

We, as responsible, dedicated members of the Empire Fagan Coalition and Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, trying to preserve the quality of life, not only of our way of life, but for our children, grand children, and future generations, are appalled! The preservation of our beautiful, untamed, wide open spaces of Arizona is at stake. We appeal to all agencies involved, PLEASE do not allow this travesty to occur in our Unique State!

Once the damage has been done, there is no going back...no matter the small print stating that Augusta will "restore" lands to their original state. Have any of you witnessed the damage done by the Pipeline installation on the North side of I-10 from Benson to Tucson? Does that barren 100' swath of destroyed terrain look "restored" to you? AND, they aren't done yet! So sad, and that's nothing compared to what kind of scaring and desolation that will be left after open pit mining operations in our Scenic Santa Ritas!

Respectfully Submitted,


Barbara & Johnnie Raley



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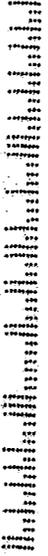
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PROPOSED ROSEMENT COPPER MINE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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WATER

WATER QUANTITY

The Santa Rita mountains are located in southeastern Santa Cruz County which is in the Sonoran Desert. It is doubtful that there is enough water to sustain the human growth already taking place in the area much less enough water to supply an open pit copper mine. The idea that a mining company – any where – would be allowed to use CAP water for any part of their operation is an outrageous proposition and should be immediately turned down.

Already one of the “test” drillings has drained wells from surrounding properties. If the Rosemont Mine is allowed to go forward, how can Augusta and/or the US Forest Service guarantee residents that it will not have a negative impact on their water supply? What will Augusta and the US Forest Service do when there is no longer enough water for local residential, agricultural and commercial consumption?

WATER QUALITY

Throughout history mines have been notorious for polluting ground water. The mining process unearths carcinogens and toxins that inevitably leach in to the ground water creating an unacceptable risk to area residents and livestock. Once the water has been polluted it is nearly impossible to reverse the situation. There remains a Super Fund site in the Patagonia Mountains even today, the remains from an abandoned mining operation. People living in the area of the Rosemont mine and all along that watershed should not be afraid to drink water from their well (which currently is pure) nor, if they can afford it, should they be forced to install elaborate filtration systems to protect themselves and their families from the effects of this open pit copper mine.

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ROAD ACCESS

A mining operation in the Santa Ritas will generate heavy traffic of oversized ore trucks to and from the site on State Highway #83. This Arizona Scenic Highway is already listed in the "Arizona 2007 Five Percent Report" as one of the most "hazardous locations in the state of Arizona." The Arizona Department of Transportation describes the location as follows: *"SR 83 is a fairly curvilinear route, which winds its way through some of the most scenic, high-country vistas throughout the entire southern Arizona, Coronado National Forest region. Nevertheless, this particular highway segment also ranks first among roadway locations experiencing motorcycle-related collisions, and eighth highest for run-off-road accidents in the State of Arizona (2005)."* The segment referred to in this report is the portion of the roadway around mile marker 44 which is in close proximity to the location Augusta has proposed for its new access road onto Route 83.

Highway #83 is the primary access route between Tucson and southeastern Santa Cruz County. It is used extensively by area residents, school buses and all manner of tourists – from bicyclists to motor cycles to cars, vans and trucks. In addition, traffic is already impeded by the number of "Wide Loads" forced on to SR #83 because they are unable to use Interstate #10. The road can barely accommodate the existing traffic, I can't imagine what it will be like if oversized ore trucks and construction equipment entering the highway at the rate of every 15 minutes are added to the mix.

Who will pay for the additional road maintenance? Clearly the increased heavy traffic will have a negative impact on the condition of the road surface. Does the mining company pay to repair and repave the road? Or, more likely, does the general public pay more in taxes and receive less in services as our access to Tucson deteriorates?

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RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT

The Santa Rita Mountains are a primary recreational area for the people of the Tucson metropolitan area, for residents throughout southeastern Arizona and for tourists from around the world. We come horseback, by bicycle, motorcycle, 4-wheel drive off-road vehicles. We hike, walk and run. We come for day trips and we come to camp. We come for peace and quiet and to enjoy the spectacular beauty. We come to watch birds and other wildlife in their natural habitat and as they migrate through the area. Already the noise from Rosemont's operations has disturbed all of this. And they are supposed to be only testing which means if they start a full fledged mining operation it will become more and more invasive and more and more destructive.

What's even worse is that the damage will be permanent – as in FOREVER. No amount of reclamation will be able to restore what will be lost. It is not possible to replace the rocks, the dirt, the plants, the mountain itself. No matter what the consultants claim they can do, they can NOT re-make the Santa Rita Mountains. The habitat will have been destroyed and the wildlife will be gone. Desert environments are very fragile systems and cannot be disturbed and then replicated; it doesn't work that way.

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ECONOMIC

If all factors are taken into consideration the loss to this community is far greater than the gains. Our economy loses far more than it could possibly get from a few hundred temporary jobs. We are a tourist based economy and the tourists will go away.

The Forest Service is an agency of the United State government and is supposed to represent the people of the United States. Augusta is a foreign company and, worse, has never even operated a mine before. It is ludicrous to think that a foreign corporation would be given preference over the will of the people.

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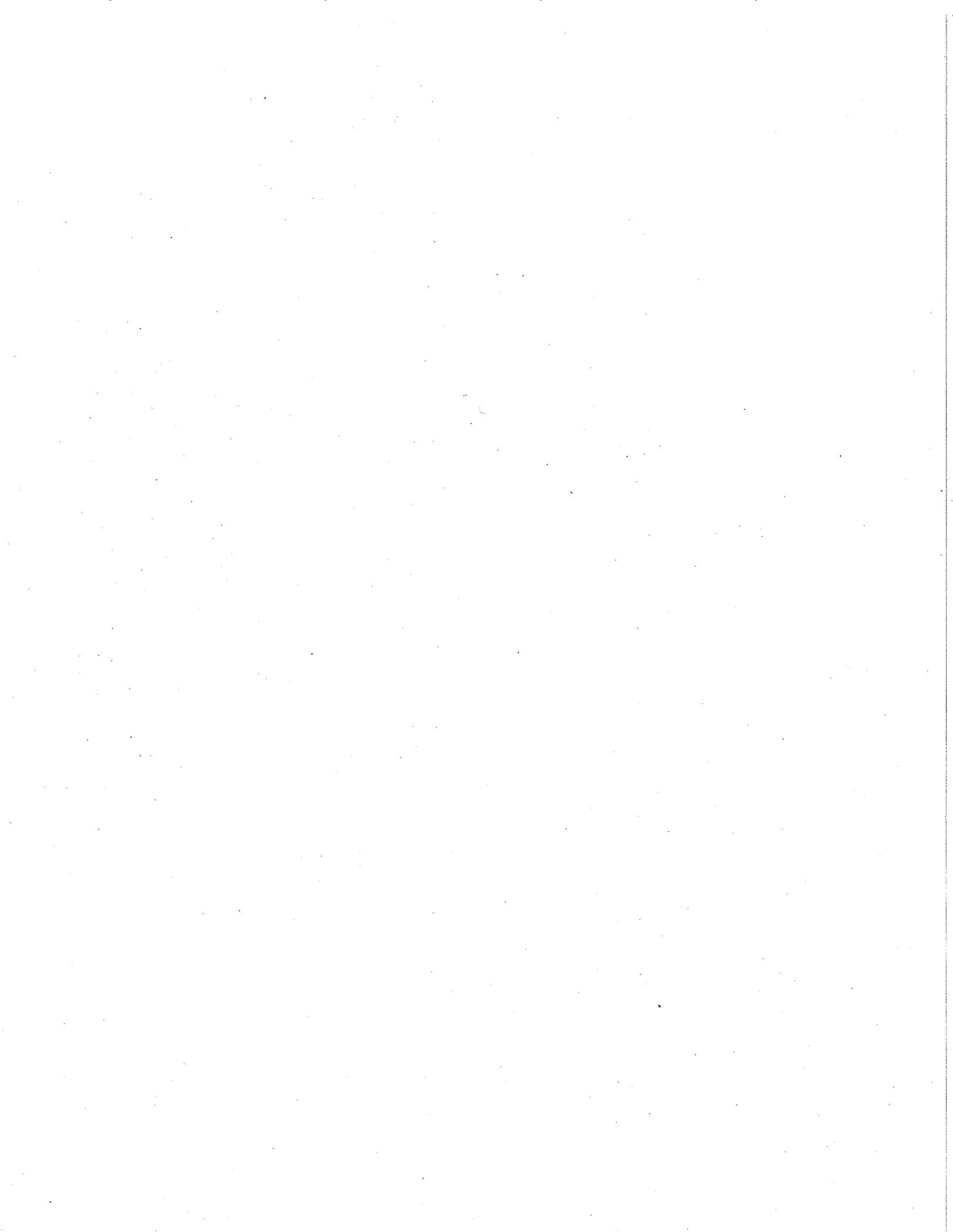
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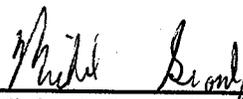
I understand that you are accepting comments in regard to proposed mining operation in the Santa Rita Mountains. We strongly oppose this operation. The Santa Ritas should be preserved for all future generations to enjoy. We have seen how the mines have scarred and polluted Arizona. We enjoy the recreation opportunities that the Santa Ritas provide and wish to continue to see these mountains preserved for horse back riding, camping, hiking, hunting, and 4 wheeling.

We live in Elgin and must use Highway 83 to go to work and school. This mountainous road can not take any more traffic and especially the traffic of a mining operation. The transportation of sulfuric acid for the mining operation will endanger the environment and the safety of those who use Highway 83.

Stop the mine!

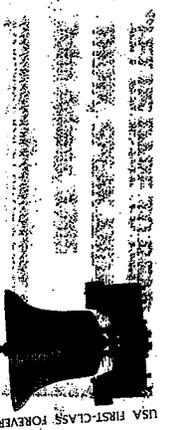

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Arizona Rosemont Copper Project EIS

111 Los Arcos
Green Valley AZ
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April 8, 2008

National Forest
300 W Congress St.
Tucson, AZ 85701

Attn: Rosemont Copper Project EIS,
Coronado

Dear Sirs:

Please remember we are running
OUT of water. Please NO
MORE MINES.

Sincerely,
Judith Ramsey

Judy Ramseyer
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Green Valley, AZ 85614-2428

GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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300 W Congress St.

Wescom, AZ 85701

Attn: Restaurant Copy/John Ramseyer/TX/Corrado



Dear Ms. Everson or Ms. Derby,

In regards to the Rosemont Mine Project, I must say that I am vehemently opposed to it. As an avid outdoor enthusiast and environmentally conscientious person, I believe a mining operation of this magnitude in the Santa Rita Mts. would amount to a total tragedy.

Since 1979, when I 1st came to Tucson, I have truly enjoyed many aspects of the Santa Ritas, from Gardner Canyon to Gunsight Pass and of course Madera Canyon. These mountains have offered me scenic beauty and quiet woods that have nourished my soul and given me respite from the blistering summer days in Tucson.

These sky islands in the middle of the Sonoran desert should be looked upon as a national treasure. Not a treasure to be plundered as these Canadians would do, but a treasure to be protected and enjoyed, for now and by future generations of Americans.

These mountains have been entrusted to you, so please... please protect them. Once they are ruined by mining, they can never be returned to their original state.

Sincerely,

Dean R. Rogers

dated: 03/28/08

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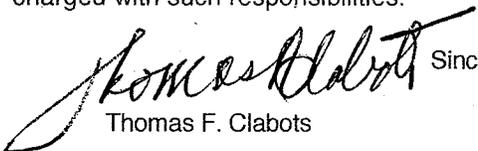
Rosemont Mine Project
Eastern Slope, Santa Rita Mountains

We have been opposed to this mine project since it was first promoted. We feel that the only reason the mining company wants to proceed is that there is considerable profit to be made by the taking of the copper from the ground and selling it for a very good profit. That is not sufficient justification for using our very limited water supply which is needed by the citizens of Green Valley/Sahuarita area for their very survival.

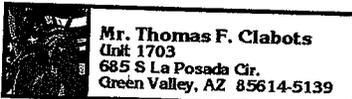
The substantial pecan farming which provides income to many workers as well as much needed shade so important in our long hot summers would be severely impacted if the water supply were depleted by the mining operation.

The barren rock piles on the west side of Green Valley and Sahuarita are sound testimony to the utter disregard mining interests have for the thousands of tax paying citizens who have made this area.

The area continues to grow, and inevitably we must determine if we have sufficient water for these people to meet the normal need for daily drinking water, as well as bathing and water for toilet usage. Unless there is a way to extract the copper without the use of our current water supply this project for another mine should be declined by the authorities charged with such responsibilities.

 Sincerely,
Thomas F. Clabots

Mary Jane Clabots
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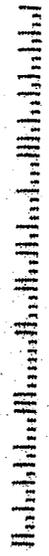
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Team Leader
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Dear Sir:

As an Arizona native, it worries me that the Forest Service would even consider allowing Rosemont Copper to mine in the Santa Rita Mountains. Simply because there is a law that allows mining companies to mine on any public land is no reason for you to roll over and play dead when it comes to approving their request. That is the whole point--these are **public lands**; they belong to the people of the United States and you are simply the stewards of those lands. By allowing Rosemont Copper to mine the Santa Ritas, you are ignoring the *will of the people* you work for--US!!! You're not doing what we want you to do!!! If you have read the letters in the newspapers, attended the meetings, and listened to the people in Southern Arizona, you would come to the conclusion that approving Rosemont Copper's request is a bad idea--for the area and for your credibility.

If allowed to mine, Rosemont Copper will be gone in 19 years. In the mean time, they will have ruined the ecology in the area, raped the land, and killed God-knows how many animals with the chemicals they use. Strip mining is not what we want in southern Arizona. Look at Bisbee, Clifton/Morenci, Hayden, Ajo, San Manuel, and even closer to home, Green Valley. Every one of those mines have left a blight on the land, contrary to what the companies promised they would do to undo their rape of the land. They have poisoned the water, just ask the residents of Bisbee. I'd tell you to ask my uncle who was born in Bisbee and who worked in the mines all his life but he died of cancer, as did my father who also was born in Bisbee, and numerous other Bisbee residents I have known in my many years of living in Cochise County. Mining is a carcinogen any way you look at it--to people, animals, and the environment in general. Would you live there?

And on the subject of water.....this is Arizona. We have been in a drought for more years than I care to remember--a lot longer than just the 1990s. Yes, Rosemont Copper claims they have enough water, but when they have to buy and transport the water from Green Valley, I tend to disagree. The streams used to run in the Santa Ritas and down into the valley almost year-round, but it has been years since that has happened. That in itself should be a red flag to you; the water isn't there and what little there is, Rosemont Copper will suck out at an alarming rate. The only people who are in favor of Rosemont Copper are the members of the Green Valley City Council because all they can see are the dollar signs. But Pima County, Santa Cruz County, and the rest of the area will go the way of San Manuel and other mining communities once Rosemont Copper picks up and leaves because (1) they ran out of copper or (2) they ran out of water. Either way, that's how it's going to end up. They will have ruined State Route 83 with all their big trucks and it will be on the back of the citizens of this State to repair it; yes, even your tax dollars will be used. Is that what you want?

In the end, the Forest Service will end up as the bad guy if you approve Rosemont Copper's request to mine because you have the final approval. *I implore you, deny Rosemont Copper's request!!!!*

Sincerely,



Sue La Vergne

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April 3, 2008

Rosemont Copper Project, Coronado National Forest
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Fax: 520 388-8305

Dear Coronado National Forest

On behalf of the 2300 members of the Maricopa Audubon Society in central Arizona we would like to submit the following scoping comments regarding the proposed Rosemont mine in southern Arizona. Our members spend many hours every year in the Coronado National Forest. These involve wildlife and natural history study. We schedule organized chapter field trip to areas throughout southern Arizona, and including many within the Coronado NF.

We wish to state that the Forest Service should NOT revise the Forest Plan to accommodate mining. The 1872 Mining Law does not require the Forest Service to revise the plan to accommodate mining. If Augusta's Mining Plan Operation (MPO) cannot meet the current standards and requirements of the Forest Plan, then the Forest Service must deny the plan.

- * Extend the time period for comments by 30 or 60 additional days.
- * Please schedule additional meetings to work on the scope of the EIS. And allow the public to speak at those meetings.
- * Please schedule additional meetings in Vail and Sonoita, both areas with major impacts from the proposed mine.
- * Pima County, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and the Arizona State Office of Historic Preservation should be included as "cooperating agencies," at a minimum in the EIS process.

* We are aware that the Rosemont Copper Project would be located 30 miles southeast of

Tucson, in Pima County, on approximately 995 acres of private land; 3,670 acres of National Forest land; 15 acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and 75 acres of State Trust land.

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

* We are aware that the EPA reports that in 2005, metal or hardrock mining in Arizona released over 39.4 million pounds of toxins.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- * negative impact on the local tourism based economy
- * noise pollution, air pollution and water contamination
- * increased truck traffic on local roads and highways
- * destruction of wildlife habitat, wildlife movement corridors, native plants and ecosystems
- * elimination or restriction of biking, hiking, hunting, camping, and bird watching
- * irreparable devastation of the scenic landscapes and viewsheds

WATER:

Although efforts are made to contain tailings piles and other sources of runoff, leaching of exposing tailings surfaces or waste dumps, and unintended leaks from other facilities are common occurrences at mine sites. This could result in the release of potentially 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.

There is every likelihood that a mine -- a Rosemont Ranch as is being proposed -- would dewater wells currently in use (as has already been done by Augusta Resource Corporation test wells) and imperil important wildlife habitat and future drinking water sources for residential use.

AIR:

The area currently has excellent air quality. Tailings and waste piles will be sources of dust, which prevailing winds will blow toward major new residential developments east of the Tucson basin. Air quality in the National Forest and surrounding residential areas will be degraded by both dust and truck exhaust associated with mine operations.

NOISE:

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

SCENIC VIEW:

This mine will be visible from State Highway 83, a designated State Scenic Highway, for 3 miles out of the 24-mile trip from I-10 to Sonoita. The 3-mile segment includes the portion of the highway where it gains its greatest elevation above the surrounding land, at which point drivers are 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.

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.

PROPERTY VALUES:

The areas south of the mine site have developed into high-end rural residential ranches and ranchettes. New developments are found north and east of the area. An open pit mine will severely impact the quality of life and reduce property values in those areas. The Sonoita Valley, a weekend tourist destination, could be thrown into the boom-bust economy typical of western towns adjacent to large mining operations.

RECREATION:

The Rosemont Valley is heavily used by mountain bikers, hikers, off-highway vehicles, bicyclists, and hunters. Recreational use would be forced to move to already heavily used areas, creating conflict with growing subdivisions. The additional loss of recreational lands will aggravate our increasingly crowded public lands associated with Pima County's population growth, and decrease the quality of recreational experiences.

WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT:

Intensive development of the site as an open pit mine will result in loss of a significant portion of the wildlife habitat and movement corridor on the eastern side of the Santa Ritas, potentially impacting endangered, threatened, and candidate species, in addition to priority vulnerable species or species of special concern. 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.

There are several priority vulnerable species that are known to occur at Rosemont Ranch including two Endangered Species: the Lesser Long-nosed bat (*Leptonycteris curasoae yerbabuena*) and Pima Pineapple Cactus (*Coryphantha scheeri robustispina*). In addition, other

special status species are known to occur there: Chiricahua Leopard Frog (*Rana chiricahuensis*), listed as threatened, and the Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), a candidate for listing.

There are six others priority vulnerable species or Wildlife of Special Concern known to occur in the Rosemont Ranch area, according to the AZ Game and Fish Department: Mexican Long-tongued Bat (*Choeronycteris mexicana*), Western Red Bat (*Lasiurus blossevillii*), Lowland Leopard Frog (*Rana yavapaiensis*), Giant Spotted Whiptail Lizard (*Cnemidophorus burti stictogrammus*), and Rufous-winged Sparrow (*Aimophila carpalis*). The Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) may also occur there, based on its habitat requirements.

ECONOMICS:

Any economic benefits of the mine will be offset by the negative impacts to tourism-related businesses dependent on the area's scenic beauty. Mine employment may be partially or offset by the impact of the mine on recreational and scenic values which might otherwise have lured companies into relocating to Southern Arizona and the long-term deleterious effects of mining's boom-bust economies.

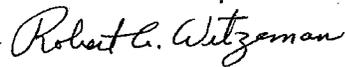
A recent study by the Sonoran Institute shows that a mine at Rosemont would have serious economic impacts to the surrounding communities. The report found:

*"..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.

Thanks you for this opportunity to respond to this project. Please keep us informed regarding all planning and public input phases take place.

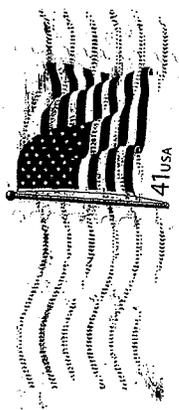
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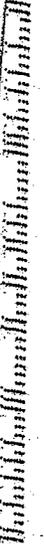
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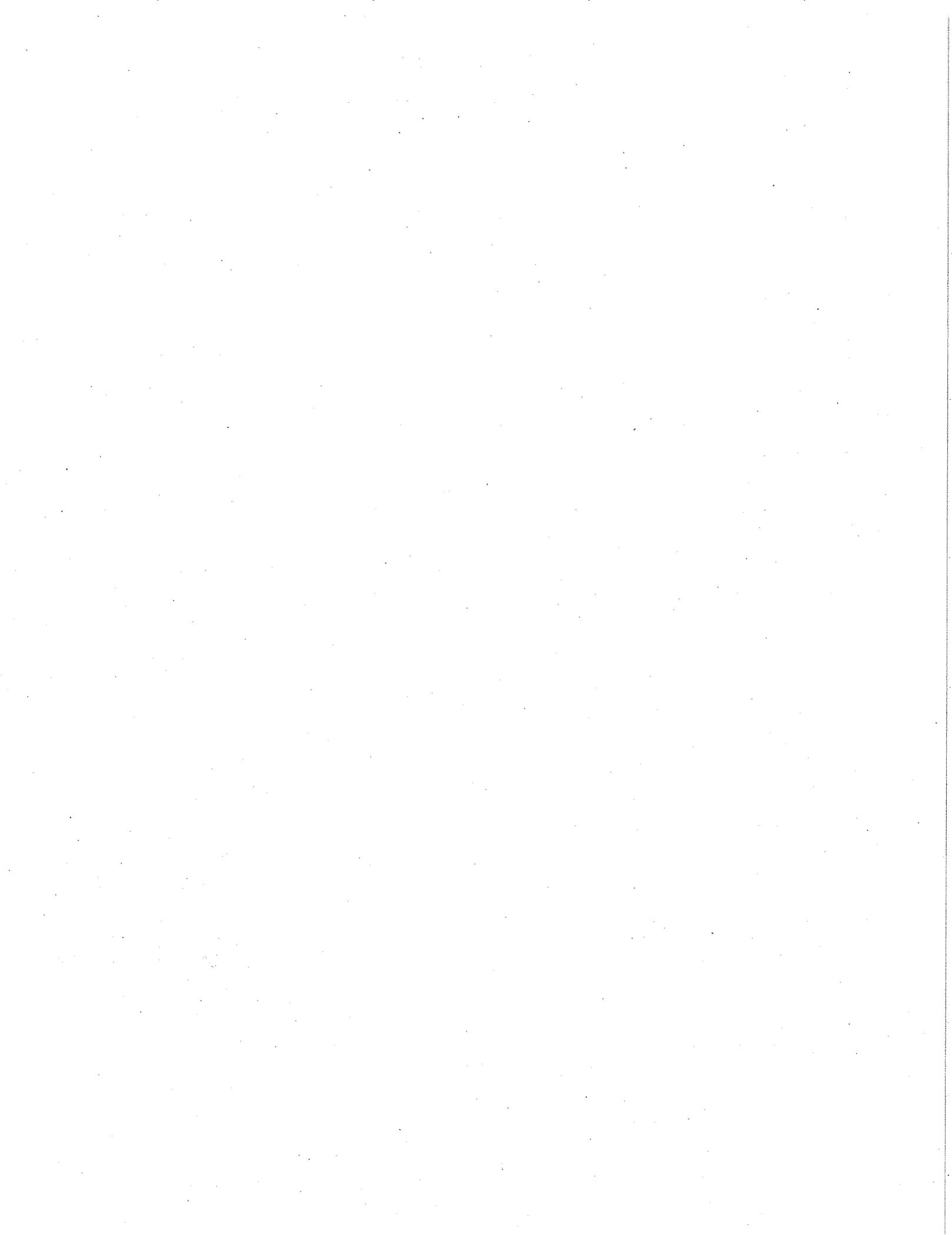
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COMMENT:

Concerns: 1) Long term water especially in wetlands locally.

Impact to residential/ranches in area

2) Pollution of ground water -

long term environmental impact to watershed area/Davidson Canyon

3) Economic impact - loss of open space/tourism to area -> short term interests

4) Migratory mammal habitat loss / "Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan" -> long term interests

5) Restoration capability of site to original - financial

- Aesthetics

- "Will" - Act of mining companies adequately cleaning up their sites is poor!

These are U.S. public lands, this is a foreign mining interest. The will of the people is NO Rosemont mine.

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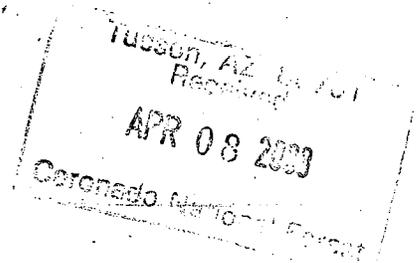
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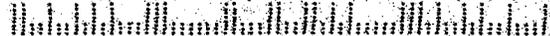
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THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS CRITICAL LOSE OF WATER IS THE AMOUNT OF WATER DEMANDED FOR THE CURRENT MINING OPERATIONS IN THE AREA.

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

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

THEREFORE:

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

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

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EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: 4799 S VIEW RIDGE DR.

GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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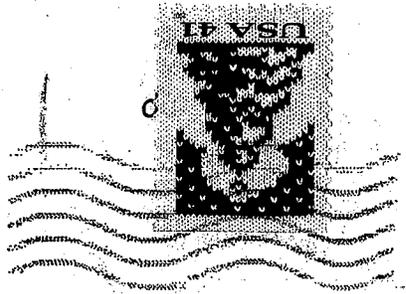
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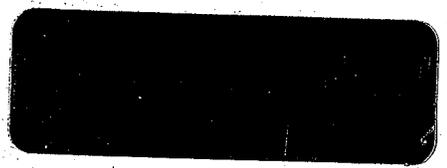
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COMMENT:

I wonder what impact the proposed mine will have on the Arizona Trail since the trail goes right through the proposed mining area. We have spent thousands of dollars mapping and laying out this trail as an incentive for hikers to enjoy Arizona and they will get to Southern Arizona and be turned off by a mining operation. Is this the kind of tourist attraction you want?

NAME: Dolores Lowell

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 880 N. Solar Drive, Vail, AZ 85341

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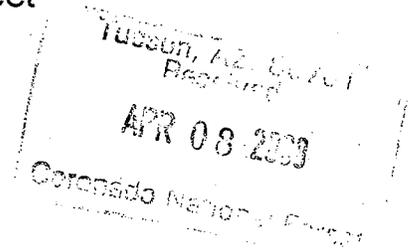
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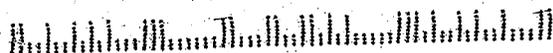


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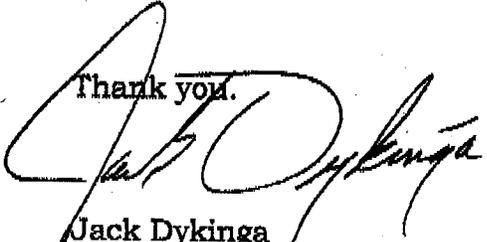
Dear People,

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to any and all accommodation granting August Resource Corporation revisions to the forest plan allowing further degradation of this precious resource.

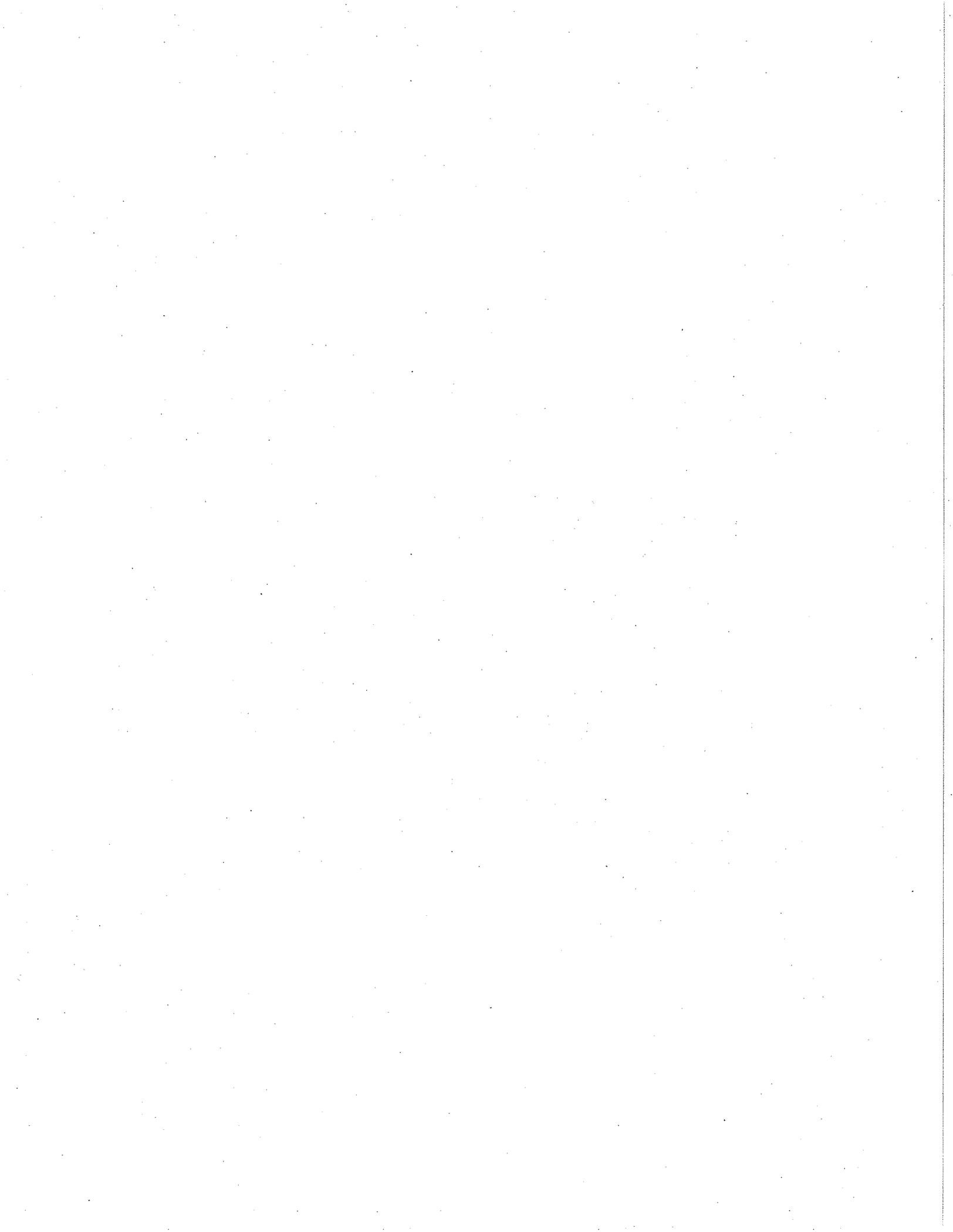
At a time when water resources are dwindling, it's an outrage to short circuit the Environmental Impact Statement process to allow mining to proceed amid bypass current standards and requirements of the forest plan.

The value of this view shed for future generations far exceeds the temporary monetary value of this extraction industry. It's time to say "NO" to this attack on wild lands! Stop the outrage.

Thank you.



Jack Dykinga
Author/Photographer



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March 12, 2008

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
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Greetings,

RE: File Code 1950-1/2800

Our comments regarding the proposed Rosemont copper project can be stated briefly as follows:

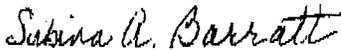
- 1)Water - The mine(s) would require far too much ground water and would seriously impact existing wells in that area.
- 2)Environment - The activities of previous (and existing) mines have demonstrated a "devil may care" attitude as to dust and waste water. Example: last summer's coating of fine white dust after a wind storm.
- 3)Nature - The Coronado Forest is known internationally as one of the finest bird sanctuaries anywhere not to mention the stunning beauty of the Santa Rita Mountains.
- 4)Interests Involved - How can we expect two foreign companies (Canadian and Japanese) to truly care about the future of the land so long as they can extract copper from our beautiful mountains.

We vote an emphatic NO to the proposed Rosemont Copper Project.

Sincerely,

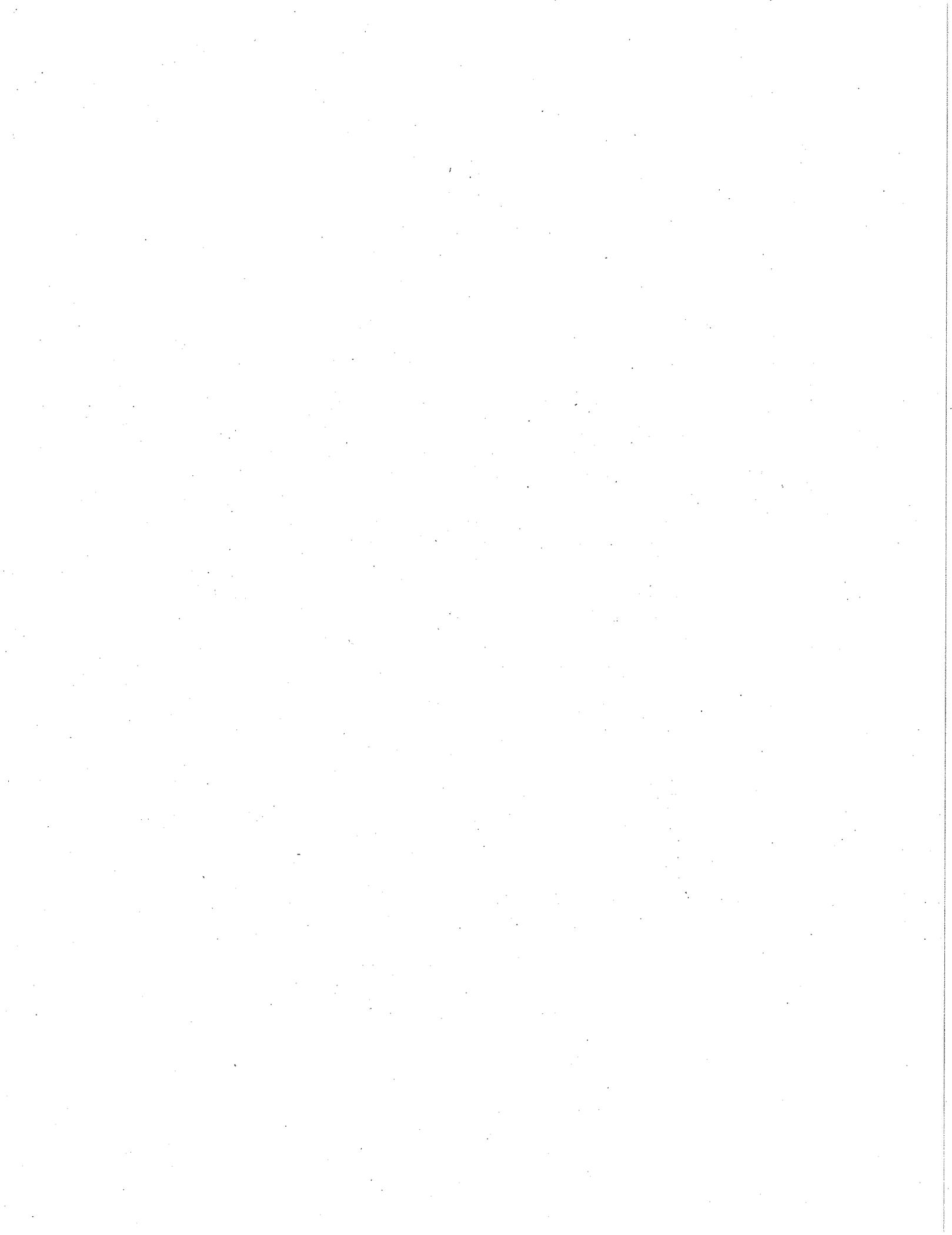


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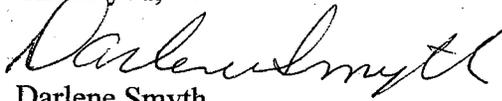


April 2, 2008

Please accept this comment on the possibility of mining in the Santa Rita Mountains.

I am totally against any mining, and in particular to the Rosemont Mine, in the Santa Rita Mountains. Southeastern Arizona is a very special place; our Sky-Islands constitute a large part of the charm and beauty of this area, and these islands are vitally important to the wildlife that uses them. A mine would constitute an unacceptable disturbance to both people and wildlife.

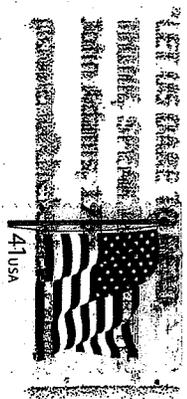
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Forest Supervisor
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Dear Jeanine A. Derby,

I am writing you to express my concern about the proposed Rosemont Mine in So. Az.'s Coronado National Forest.

I grew up in the Midwest, but was fortunate enough to have parents who took us on family vacations to the Western U.S. where I first encountered the wonders of the Rocky Mts. and the desert landscapes in our National Forests. When I graduated from the U. of Wis.-Madison in 1973 as a Registered Nurse, I naturally gravitated West to revisit this magical place, and ended up staying for six years. The Rosemont Ranch area was one of the first places my future [and current] husband took me to. We still have the picture he took of me standing in front of one of the most beautiful sights in Southern Az.--the Rosemont Ranch--soon to become an open pit copper mine if Augusta Resources has their way.

I am your typical hardworking American citizen. Since moving back to Az. in 1988 [Sonoita] we have spent countless hours hiking, biking, and horseback riding in the mountains and valleys of Az. Since the Santa Rita Mts. are the most accessible to where we live, we have extensively explored the variety of flora and fauna, but one lifetime will not be enough to scratch the surface of all it's wonders.

I'm a woman from rural Wi. living in rural Az. I am not ignorant about where my food and raw materials come from. My husband was

a hard rock miner in the bowels of the Magma Copper Mine in San Manuel, Az. for a short while in the 1970's. I know that mining is not "the highest and best use" of our National Forest lands. The world is not dying from a copper shortage. Augusta Resources is in hurry to make big profits while the prices of raw materials like copper are at an all time high.

This proposed open pit mine would do irreparable damage to a beautiful mountain, and to it's clean air, water, and abundant plant and animal life.

Don't waste your time on a protracted NEPA survey. The survey should start and stop with the issue of water. There is not enough for mining, and what water is used will never be anything but a polluted toxic brew that will travel well beyond any man-made containment in the centuries ahead.

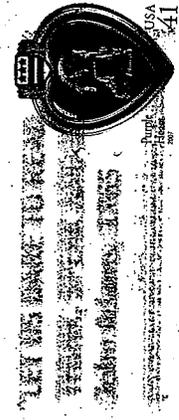
The carbon emmissions of destroying a forested landscape, and those produced by mining will only worsen global warming. You have the power to help this be a "greener world". And you work for me--a U. S. taxpayer--not for a Canadian mining company.

Protect our National Forest and protect my tax dollars.
STOP ROSEMONT MINE NOW.

We are counting on YOU,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacy Fitchel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed text.

Mr. Craig A. Fletcher
Ms. Stacy D. Fletcher
PO Box 174
Sonoma, AZ 85637

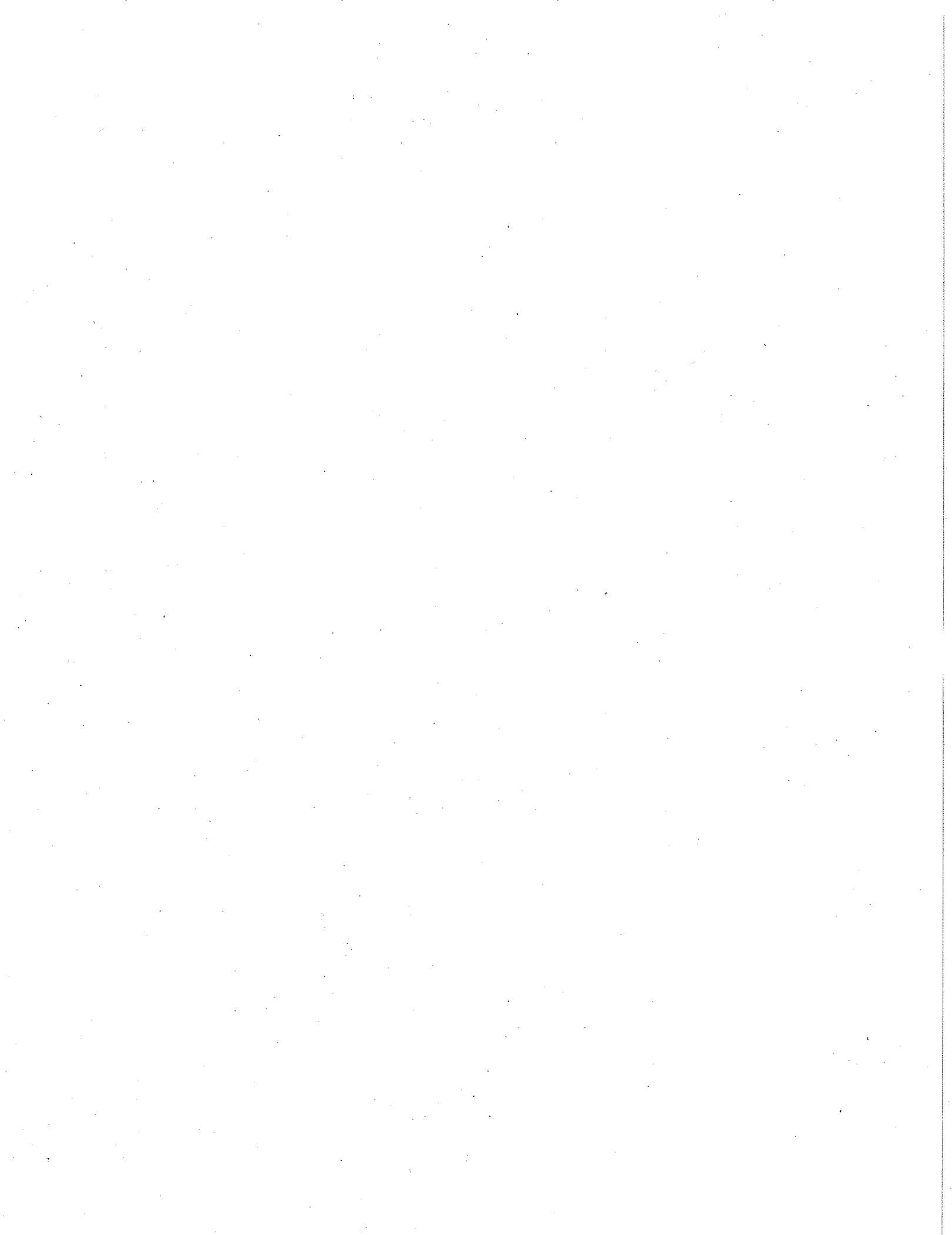


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c/o Forest Supervisor Jeanine A. Derby

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COMMENT:

I OPPOSE THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THE PROPOSED MINE WILL HAVE ON AIR AND WATER QUALITY IN THE NATIONAL FOREST
2. THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON WILDLIFE IN AND AROUND THE NATIONAL FOREST.
3. THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC WILL ADVERSELY EFFECT THE NATIONAL FOREST AND SURROUNDING AREA.
4. THE PROPOSED MINE WILL ADVERSELY EFFECT THE RECREATIONAL AND SCENIC VALUES OF THE NATIONAL FOREST.

THANK YOU FOR ADDING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS.

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ADDRESS: 10609 E. KAREN GANNON PL.
TUCSON, AZ 85747

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Comments of Lee M. Hydeman as requested by the U.S. Forest Service for the
proposed Rosemont Copper Project EIS

I offer my comments from the perspective of someone who built a home in Sonoita about 35 years ago to spend some time away from my law practice in Washington, D.C. and my role near the end of my career as a Chairman and CEO of a new entrant airline (Reno Air) and to establish a residence for my ultimate retirement which occurred about 10 years ago. I came here because of the peace, quiet and incredible beauty of the area and the wonderful people from all walks of life who had settled here for similar reasons in terms of the environment – some still raising families and working in the immediate area and in Tucson; others in retirement.

I became deeply involved in the issue of open-pit mining and its potential impact on our environment and way of life. This was when an established mining company (ASARCO) sought approval for the same open pit mine operation in the Rosemont area of the Santa Ritas as the present applicant. It rapidly became apparent that the proposed mining operation would seriously impact the way of life of those who had been born or settled here and with little offsetting benefit because the copper, based on bore-hole drilling evidence is of low grade.

What I have to say is divided into three areas. First and most important, is our insistence that we be very involved in the approval process and get a reasonable opportunity to communicate with the Forest Service and through them the applicant, as we had in regard to the Asarco application. That was about 12 years ago and, we did get a far better opportunity for open communication with the Forest Service and the applicant mining company, from the very outset than we have so far this time.

About two years later, on January 30, 1998, the Forest Service and Asarco announced a termination of their Memorandum of Understanding related to their potential copper mine development similar, but with much more detailed information available to the public as to the proposal of the mining company and information from the Forest Service and others as to the serious impact of the

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mining operation and the limited value of the potential low level copper to be mined. Nothing has changed in that regard except more people have settled here. Moreover, once again local governmental bodies in the area, responsible and knowledgeable environmental organizations, and state and federal representatives and organizations have weighed in to express their opposition and concerns, based upon their understanding of the potential adverse impact of the mining when weighed against the potential limited benefits.

The second area of my comments are somewhat related to the first. This time the process within the Forest Service is moving much too fast and well beyond the point at which we were able to communicate before with both representatives of the Forest Service and the applicant. This situation argues for the need to slow down the process, to provide the public with information as to what has transpired between the Forest Service and the applicant up to now; to inform us as to how they are going to deal with the serious environmental impact of the proposed mining operation and detailed information as to the impact of the proposed operation; and to provide us the opportunity to be heard in a meaningful manner before the NEPA process gets too far along.

The third part is my view of some of the information we need about the nature of the issues to be considered and assurance as to the necessary weighing of benefits and detriments of the proposed mining proposal by the Forest Services. The latter is in my view essential in terms both of legal requirements and your responsibility as our public servants. Others can and will deal with these matter with greater technical competence than I can.

I. The need for a meaningful meeting now.

Let me reiterate what I had said at the outset of the meeting to which you invited us in Pategonia on March 20th. We wanted to enter into a real dialogue with the Forest Service and Augusta from the outset of this process. That involved from our viewpoint hearing from you as moderator of the meeting and having an

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opportunity to raise issues we hoped would be addressed at the meeting or a subsequent meeting and to express our concerns as to the potential impact on our communities of this mining proposal. We also wanted to hear from the applicants as to their intentions. We did not come to the meeting to harass either of you or to have a public demonstration. At the same time, we preferred not to have just another "dog and pony" show by the applicant supported by the Forest Service as occurred at the two meetings in Tucson and then Green Valley on the two days before your meeting in Patagonia. We were fully prepared to do everything in our powers to assure a peaceful, honest exchange of views and at the very least to hear from you.

I believe the audience was very well controlled.¹ We did not even raise any complaints about the presence of a local policeman and two armed officers of the Forest Service and then the arrival of two armed border patrol officials who responded to a general call that went out for any law enforcement officers in the area. Why you had them there was obviously disturbing to some of our residences. But in any event, even that did not result in any problems in the behavior of our citizens. And, I should add that the officials were respectful and reasonable in their behavior.

What was most disturbing to all of us was that after my brief remarks, asking for a real meeting with discussion and an exchange of views, and after some of our citizens arranged the chairs behind the tables you had set up in the front of the auditorium and our citizens had sat down to permit you to begin your meeting, you inexplicably and abruptly removed your material and walked out on us. Many of our citizens regarded that as an arrogant and irresponsible action on the part of public officials who are supposed to be representing us and who should really want to hear from us.

So let's get back to responsible behavior and have a real meeting in which there is an orderly and meaningful exchange between the Forest Service, Augusta and the citizens of both the communities of Patagonia and Sonoita. We would like

¹ As Jeanine Derby, chief ranger for the Forest Service in the Coronado National Forest was quoted as agreeing, "It was orderly." Nogales International Newspaper, Friday, March 28, 2008

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meetings in both communities and with sufficient advance notice of the meetings, not a very few days before the meeting and even then with an ineffective method of notifying our residents of the meeting, as occurred on this meeting set for March 20th. You chair the meeting, make whatever presentation you want to make and hopefully let our citizens in each community, who are the ones most affected by the proposed mining operation, raise their concerns and hopefully also be permitted to ask questions and have a meaningful dialogue with your representatives and those from Augusta.

Finally, I do not regard simply asking each of our citizenry to fill in a half page of a comment form as a meaningful way for you to hear from us and for us to have a meaningful way to participate in the process. A group meeting with you and the applicant with an opportunity to ask questions of your representatives and those of the applicant is the best way for you to hear our concerns and to enable our citizens to understand all of the issues involved and how they are going to be resolved.

An open exchange of views and ideas is the very essence of our democracy. It assures that we have maximum understanding among ourselves and that our public officials and those who want to use our environment for their commercial purposes are at least listening to us. The process you want us to follow seems to many of us to suggest that you do not really want to hear from us, and that you have no intention of trying to understand and consider our views and that your decision is already made. Hopefully that is not so.

II. Commencement of the NEPA process.

1. As concerned citizens whose lives will be materially affected by the proposed mining operation, we ought to have been involved in the NEPA process from the outset.
2. We should have been advised of the selection process of the consultant: with the criteria for that process and with full disclosure of any relationship between the consultant selected and any person representing the applicant or any Forest Service employee involved in this process. Even now, we

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should be advised of all aspects of the decisional process that have occurred from the beginning to the present date and any changes that are made on a continuing basis. Failure to do this will only raise concerns, suspicions and doubts as to the propriety of the process. That is important to your best interest and as well as to our right to know.

III. Some of the issues that need to be considered:

1. The impact on existing water resources
2. The ability to really be able to use Central Arizona Project water and to have enough for this operation.
3. The environmental impact of all of the toxins that will be released from an open pit mine as proposed and the steps, if any, that can be taken to avoid serious and potentially very damaging releases that can do injury to the public.
4. What requirements will be imposed on the applicant to minimize if possible the release of damaging toxins and secure financial resources to be obtained from the applicant to assure failure to meet those requirements and to correct any deficiencies are available to cover any deficiencies.
5. Conditions to be imposed on the applicant for removal of tailings from the mining operation and return of the area involved to a natural state (if possible) and financial security in advance from the applicant to assure that all of this will be done and to cover any deficiencies by the applicant.
6. Impact of the mining operation on our main road access from the Sonoita/Patagonia area to Tucson, both in terms of damage to the road and how that will be rectified and ease of movement of traffic while the mining operation and transport of tailings is in process.
7. Impact on tourism to the area, which is a major source of revenue to our communities.
8. The ability of the applicant to meet any and all of the conditions that should be imposed on it given its non-existent past experience in mining and its very limited financial resources at this point.

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9. The imposition on the health, peace and tranquility of this beautiful area where we have settled to enjoy our lives. How do we maintain it with the overall imposition of this mining operation.
10. Bottom line: I submit that the law requires the Forest Service to balance the potential benefits of this proposed mining operation against the very substantial adverse impact of the operation being proposed by the applicant on those of us living in this area and those from the outside who use this very valuable national asset of the scenic Santa Ritas and other assets of our Southeastern Arizona communities and forest areas. I believe and submit that we have learned from the ASARCO experience that the actual value of the low-grade copper resource from this proposed mine could not possibly justify the conduct of the proposed mining operation. The experience and evidence already available should be considered in dealing with this application before even beginning the NEPA process. Certainly this weighing process needs to be the very essence of the NEPA process, if it is to proceed. And the applicant must be made aware that such a weighing of the public benefit, if any, of the mining permit being considered against the very substantial public detriment will be the basis of the governmental decision required. So far the Forest Service has caused us to believe that it is the advocate for the mining operation and not an advocate for those of us who live in the area or for others who benefit or can benefit in the future from visiting and using the resources of the area which will be adversely impacted from the proposed operation, even if it is conducted with meticulous care and subjected to necessary and reasonable governmentally imposed restrictions.

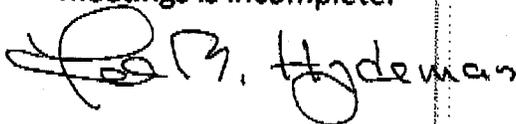
IV Moving Forward

Since preparing these comments, our congresswoman, Gabrielle Giffords has intervened to bring about a more meaningful process which hopefully will meet the desires of our communities to participate in the EIS process in a truly meaningful way. We agree with all of her suggestions. We thank her for doing this and thank you for agreeing to the changes in your process.

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I would simply add the following:

In order to make the steps agreed upon meaningful depends on establishing the working group immediately providing us with as much information on the issues raised by our written comments as well in advance of the meetings as possible and setting the dates for the meetings well in advance and assuring that we have the opportunity to ask questions of the Forest Service representatives and representatives of the applicant at these meetings to the extent that the information provided by the Forest Service and applicant in advance of these meetings is incomplete.



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CIENEGA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
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March 30, 2008

Ms. Gayle Hartmann, President
Save the Scenic Santa Ritas
8987 Tanque Verde #309-157
Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Gayle,

As you know, the Cienega Watershed Partnership (CWP) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded to help resource landscape stewardship initiatives for the Cienega Watershed. This is the landscape that runs from Saguaro National Park and the Rincon Wilderness south to the Canelo Hills south of Sonoita, and from the crown of the Santa Rita Mountains east to the crown of the Whetstone Mountains. Our mission is "to facilitate cooperative actions that will steward the natural and cultural resources of the Cienega Watershed while enabling sustainable human use."

The Board of the Cienega Watershed Partnership is deeply concerned about the potential devastating environmental impacts of the open pit mine proposed for Rosemont Ranch. In particular, the Board believes that:

- (1) the potential impact of an open pit mine on aquifers, both from depletion and contamination from leaks, spills, and runoff, represents an enormous threat to water supplies in the immediate vicinity of the mine and to watersheds key to supplying Tucson and surrounding areas;
- (2) an open pit mine in the area of the Santa Rita Mountains surrounding Rosemont Ranch would undermine the ecological health of the region, resulting in permanent loss of a key area for wildlife habitat and migration;
- (3) the mine would irretrievably impact prime scenic, wildlife, grazing, and recreational land used extensively by ranchers, trail riders, hikers, birders, hunters, and nature lovers from throughout Southern Arizona and beyond;
- (4) the mine site, visible along at least three miles of Scenic Highway 83, would forever change the character of the highway and its magnificent views of the oak savanna and chaparral at the foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains. Moreover, the impact of heavy mining equipment on traffic to and from Tucson to Sonoita, Elgin, and Patagonia would discourage visitors to these prime destinations for tourism, birding, and recreation.

The CWP stands ready to work with SSSR to provide support both for your efforts to develop the environmental case for preserving this sensitive and unique area, and for your larger efforts to educate the community in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties and those who represent them at the

local, state, and federal level regarding the potential impacts of mining on sensitive areas in the Canelo Hills, the Patagonia Mountains, and the San Rafael Valley.

Yours sincerely,



Martie Maierhauser, Chairman
Cienega Watershed Partnership

c.: Beverley Everson, U.S. Forest Service
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Augusta Resource Corporation

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RESOLUTION

The Cienega Watershed Partnership (CWP) supports the efforts of Save the Scenic Santa Ritas to prevent hard rock mining in the Rosemont area of the Santa Rita Mountains, the Patagonia Mountains, Canelo Hills, and San Rafael Valley. CWP will communicate with its membership and elected officials concerning reasons to oppose mines in these areas. CWP will participate in the campaign against mines in these areas, including public comment periods during the potential Environmental Impact Statement process. CWP will inform the U. S. Forest Service (USFS) and other appropriate agencies of our opposition to mines in the area and will request that we be placed on mailing lists so we may be kept informed of any actions taken.

Approved: February 25, 2008

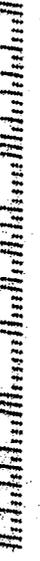
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Dear Beverley:

I understand that Augusta Resource Corporation, a foreign mining company based in Canada, has submitted a 2007 version of the incomplete 2006 plan of operations you rejected. I understand that you are in the process of deciding whether the 2007 version is complete enough to evaluate as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

I urge you to reject the mine proposal. A large open pit mine in the Santa Rita Mountains is incompatible with the current local and regional economy and would cause both water quality and quantity problems. Since this company has no mining track record on which to judge their ability to mine responsibly, it would be irresponsible to risk the environment and economic health of Southern Arizona by approving the proposal.

Please keep me informed of any movement on this plan by the Coronado National Forest. Please also add me to your mailing list so that I may also be notified of any other mining or mineral exploration actions or proposals in the Coronado National Forest.

Additional comments:

No mines!

Thank You,

Shawn Jackson

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COMMENT:

To whom it may concern:

I have numerous concerns about plans to open the Rosemont Copper Mine in the Santa Rita mountains.

Of primary concern is the amount of water that would need to be diverted from the surrounding communities.

Also as an arid liker and environmentalist, destruction to their sensitive habitat would be a tragedy.

Please take these considerations into account as you move forward in this process.

Thank you.

Diane Smith

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

Below are several tips for making effective comments.

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

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

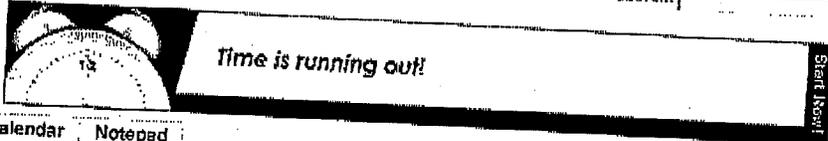
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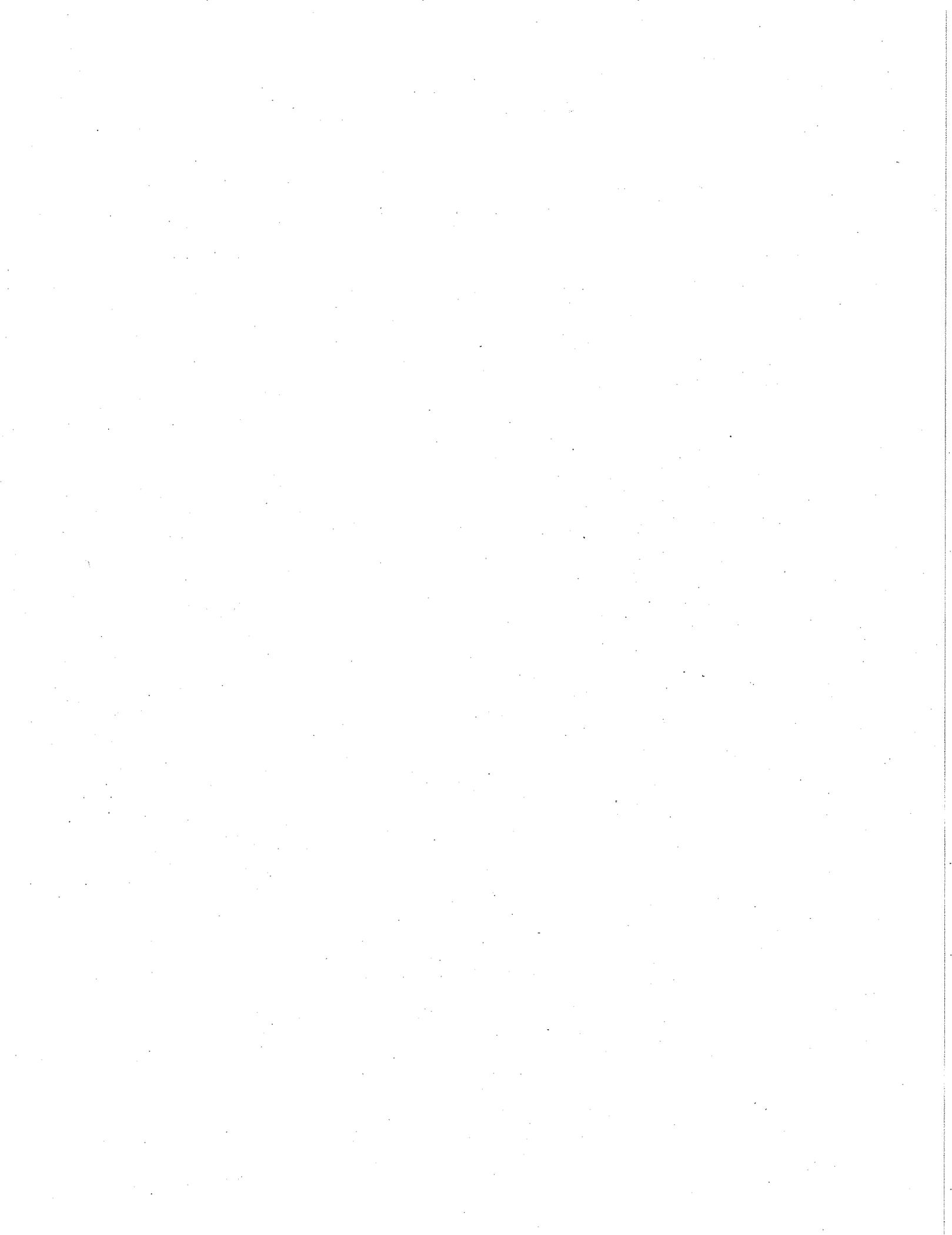
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Respectfully,

Kenneth and Tawin Eifflin, Vail, AZ

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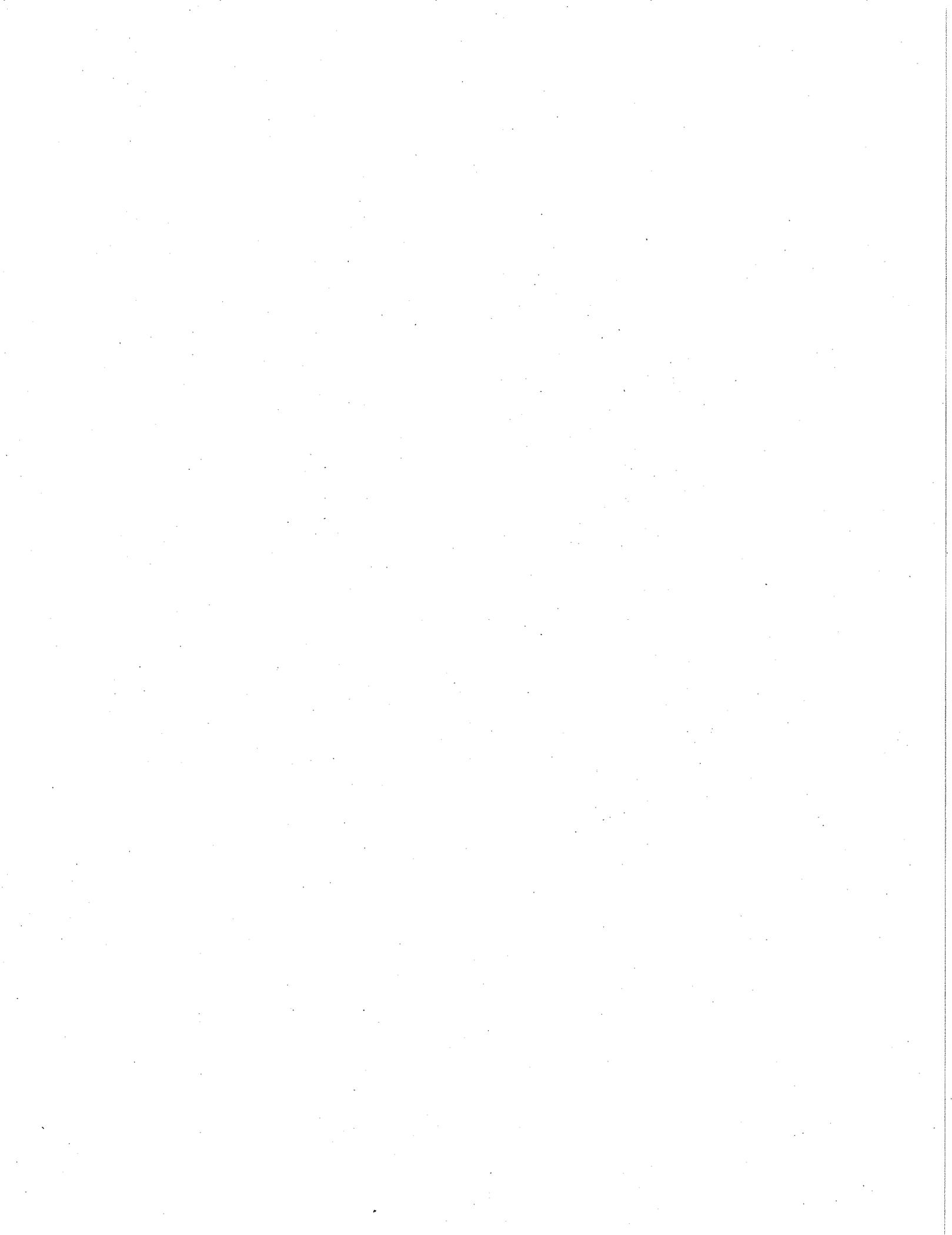
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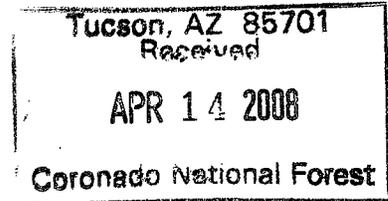
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Town of Sahuarita

Office of the Town Manager



April 11, 2008

Forest Supervisor Jeanine Derby
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Federal Building, 300 W. Congress FB42
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Proposed Rosemont Copper Project Open House, April 5, 2008

Supervisor Derby:

We received on April 7, 2008, an invitation to an Open House regarding the proposed Rosemont Copper Project. The problem is the meeting took place two days earlier on April 5, 2008. I am certain you are aware of the importance of this proposed project to the Town of Sahuarita.

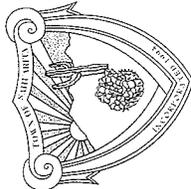
The notice was addressed to our previous P.O. Box. We contacted the offices of the Coronado National Forest to update our address, but apparently this has not taken place. However, even if the address was correct, the postmark on the envelope was April 1, 2008; barely enough time for it to be delivered and for us to make arrangements for a Town representative to attend. The Town has a profound interest in this proposed project, and needs timely notice of any meetings concerning the discussion and outcome of this project. We ask your office to please update your files and computers to reflect our new address of:

375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joseph Marques
Executive Assistant
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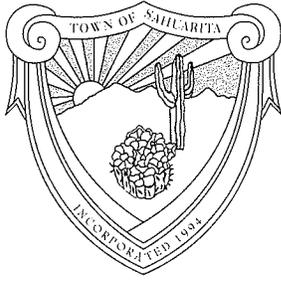
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375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Federal Bldg., 300 W. Congress FB42
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Town of Sahuarita, Arizona change of address

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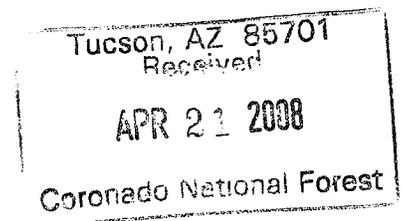
Sahuarita Police Department
315 W. Sahuarita Center Way
Sahuarita, Arizona 85629

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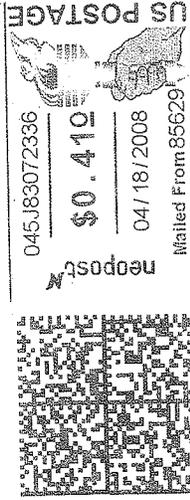
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IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT THE WATERTABLE IN THE GREEN VALLEY REGION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHING WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.

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

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

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

THEREFORE:

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

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

NAME: James R. Russell James R Russell

EMAIL: jrussell39@cox.net

ADDRESS: 3324 S. Calle Del Albano
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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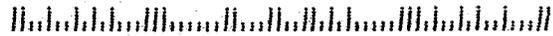


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COMMENT: (1) Scrutinize financial validity of all pertinent Rosemont/Augusta mine holdings. (2) Full analysis of all direct + indirect effects of Rosemont project on surface + subsurface water resources and the rights of others thereto. (3) Consider the public impact of losing the huge USFS/BLM recreational/wildlife benefits of the areas around proposed mine pit and adjacent areas. (4) Full review of possible impacts of Rosemont mine proposal on endangered + protected animal, bird etc. species under the E.S.A. (jaguar, Mexican spotted owl etc.) (5) Full review of possible leaks of toxic heavy metals + other chemicals contaminating key aquifers, effects on air quality of dust from tailings and waste piles

NAME: TAM Scott

EMAIL: bigfishscott@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: PO Box 1278 Patagonia, AZ 85624

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COMMENT: I am concerned about water. How much the mine would use, the amount & quality of the water left for all of us who live here.

NAME: Mary Dodge

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: 329 E. Paseo Verde
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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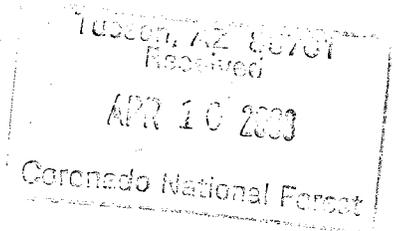
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COMMENT:

as I understand it, this company wants to get its water from the GV SAHUARITA aquifer, an unbelievable number of gallons per day.

This must be somebody's bad dream. Already it recedes at 4 feet per year, and individuals have to dig individual wells deeper to get any water at all.

In a few years, there will be no water for home use. Result - the principal asset of elderly residents, their home, will become worthless! and of course, local businesses will go down too.

May 10,000 camel fleas infest them!

NAME: R.A. WORTMAN, PhD

EMAIL: RICHJUNE WORTMAN @ COX.NET

ADDRESS: 81 E. SANTA CHARLES GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

I am concerned that the benefits of the mine are not being given equal attention in the review process.

The social benefits to the community (economy, local jobs, local tax base, etc.) need to be considered based on where the most impact will be, i.e. Green Valley area versus PIMA county, Tucson, or the entire State of Arizona.

Focus on how the mine, mining & processing will be done now & in the future NOT on what was done 100 years ago.

NAME: Laurie Tahija

EMAIL: ltahija@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 9523 N. Mission Valley Place Tucson, AZ 85743

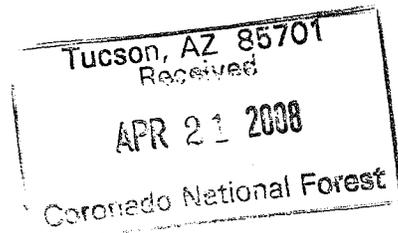
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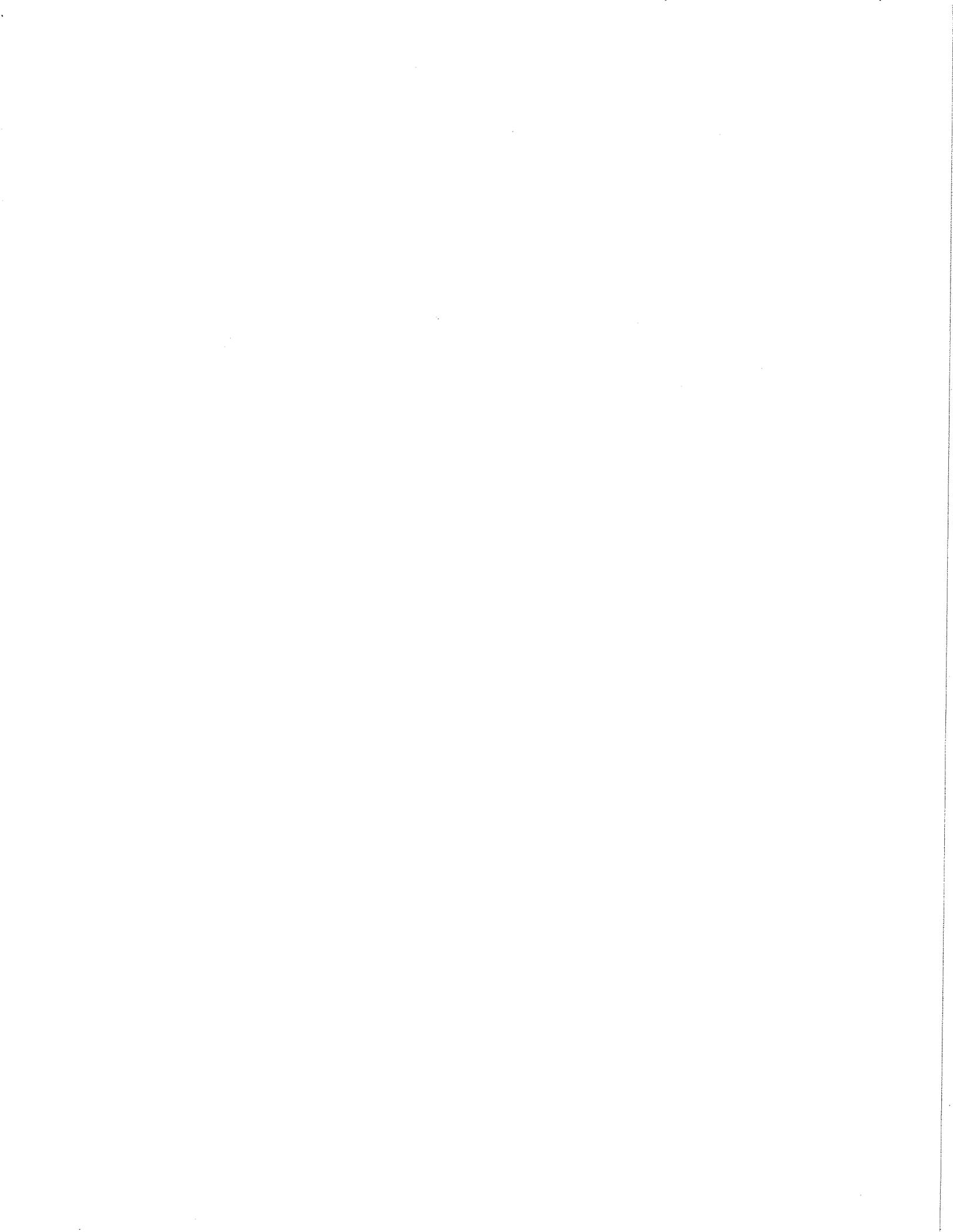
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Rosemont Copper project EIS
Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress St
Tucson, AZ 85701

Hi,

My water is pumped from well number 55-460423. 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?

Thank you for answering these questions

Sincerely

James Kramp
15560 E. Hilton Ranch Rd
Vail, AZ 85641



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COMMENT:

Tucson needs "skilled labor jobs."

I am a 2nd generation Tucsonan. As a young girl, I remember Tucson was known for the 3 C's: cotton, copper and cattle. Labor costs, environmental concerns, water, and competition were all factors in the 3 C's in Tucson. Going away,

Tucson has turned itself into nothing more than a service city. And we have increased our crime rate which is higher than New York. There are more gangs, drugs, & problems have increased with the border.

We need jobs to offer our young citizens, jobs that pay more than the service industry would start making, a change for the better.

NAME: Gail D. Holman

EMAIL: gail.holman@resourcemfg.com

ADDRESS: 2949 E. Grant Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85716

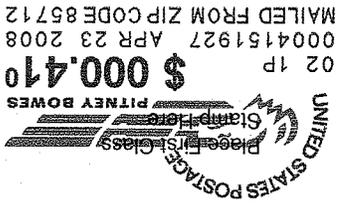
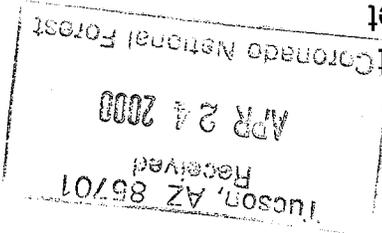
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COMMENT: How will the mine effect my well # 55594443, and if it goes dry or gets contaminated what will Augusta Mining Co do about it?

Can the runoff or the lowering of the water table threaten the Gila Chub that is endangered on the Ceinega Creek (upper & lower) This is a critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as documented in the Federal Register

What amount of electric power will be needed to run this mine, and who will pay for the new power plant.

I understand that the copper that is mined from Rosemont will go to Japan & China, is this true?

NAME: Jack Pennington

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 20404 S MARAUDERS TRAIL VAIL AZ 85641

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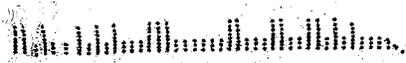
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COMMENT:

1 How is this going to affect the traffic on Hwy 83 (already problems because of the wide load situation on I-10) and it's a narrow 2 lane road - Dangerous

2 Am very concerned about the groundwater situation - don't want my well compromised. Southwest Arizona already has water problems - this

3 mine will just add to that.

Federal land should not be desecrated with Mine tailings!

NAME: Betsy Grimes

EMAIL: betsymomg@peoplepc.com

ADDRESS: Hc1, Box 555 Elgin AZ 85611

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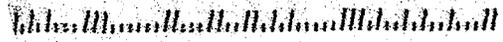


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COMMENT: My major concerns are 1) water and 2) destruction of habitat.

- 1) When we purchased our home in Green Valley in 2004, we were assured the aquifer was durable for 100 years or more. With the current growth rate this is questionable, but there is certainly not sufficient water for residents and an additional copper mine. The government's responsibility is to us, the residents, not a company from another country!
- 2) The sky island ecosystems of the Santa Ritas are beautiful and unique. They are an important asset to our state, and are significant to plantlife, animals, + humans. They must be cherished, preserved and protected.

NAME: Carol Shinkle

EMAIL: _____

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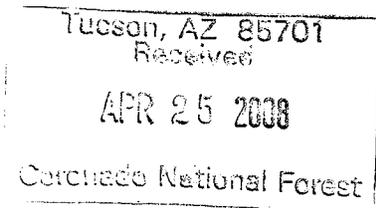
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The Rosemont Mining Proposal is a disaster in the making! Big Business really plans only to rape, plunder, and pillage our public lands. Promises to "restore" things to their natural state cannot happen. And what about the enormous water use, the hideous pollution, the enormous trucks funneling into our roadways? The whole idea is madness!

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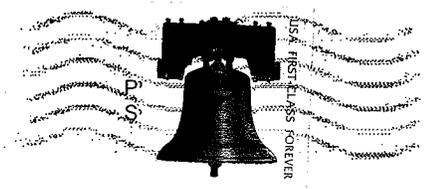
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