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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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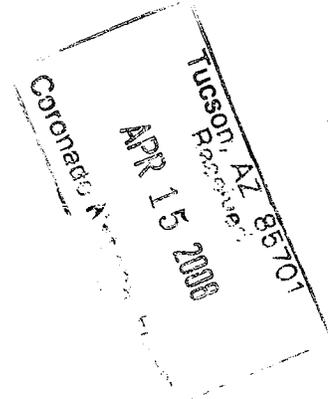
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COMMENT: THE ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT HAS SIGNANTIC POTENTIAL FOR REVENUE, AND A COLLOSSAL MEANS OF DESTROYING COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE INTERESTS IN THIS PART OF THE STATE.

WHAT SPECIFIC IMPACT DOES THE MAGNANIMOUS VOLUME OF HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC HAVE ON HIGHWAY 83? IMPACT ON THE TRAVEL CONVENIENCE OF COMMUTERS BETWEEN SONORA AREA AND TUCSON. WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WILL THE COPPER TRUCKING HAVE ON LAND OWNERS WHO LIVE ADJACENT TO HWY 83? WHAT DEGRADATION OF THE HIGHWAY WILL RESULT FROM THAT MASS VOLUME OF HEAVY TRAFFIC?

I RECOMMEND THAT NO CURRENT ROAD/HIGHWAY SYSTEMS IN EXISTENCE BE USABLE FOR THAT ENTERPRISE, THE PROJECT WILL DEVASTATE A WATER QUALITY IN AN AREA WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY A MILLION ARIZONANS - WHAT THEN?

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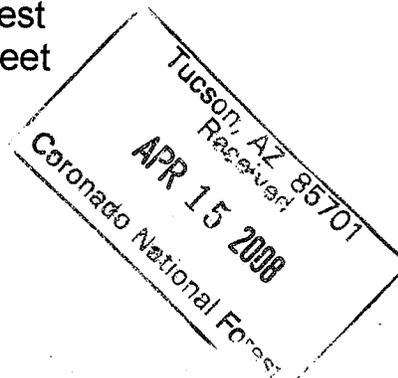
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**COMMENT:**

I'm against this mining situation. I'm concerned about the ~~big holes~~, big trucks, pollution (air, water, noise). This is in no way being GREEN! Think of our beautiful scenic land. Just say no! They can go mine their own land.

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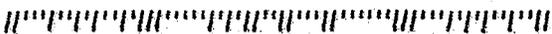
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COMMENT: I am a 39 yr. retired copper miner (Dural Mepita) town property in Sahuarita Heights, about 1/2 mile east of an industrial well owned by Augusta Resources Corp. (Rosemont Copper). This is one of 3 wells planned for the Sahuarita area. These wells are 1200 ft. deep, with a 12 inch diameter casing. So the way that I see this project, it will not be long before the private well that supplies my water will go dry. Which means that I will have to move or finance deepening the private well. So the Rosemont mine will not benefit myself or my neighbors. I quote and agree with Gayle Hartmann, President of Save the Scenic Santa Rita's. THIS MINE, WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME.

Thank You, Roger L. Hoogerwerf

NAME: ROGER L. HOOGERWERF

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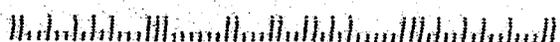
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I strongly oppose any mining activity in the Rosemont Ranch area of the Santa Rita mts..  
Stop preliminary drilling, sampling, road improvements now!  
I realize that national forests are designated a multi-use areas, but mining - especially a huge open pit mine in the Santa Ritas is wrong:  
- It would: disrupt wildlife corridors  
- Contaminate groundwater supplies with heavy metals, sulfuric acid, fuel, etc.  
- Ruin recreational activities in the vicinity - hiking, camping, hunting, mountain biking and picnicking.  
- Destroy the mountain view along a scenic byway.  
- Cause traffic congestion on Hwy 83 with heavy trucks and ruin the road surface.  
- Disrupt the peace + quiet of the entire mountain range.  
- Use precious groundwater supply  
- Contribute to air pollution by necessitating more electrical power generation

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ADDITIONALLY, A DETAILED GROUNDWATER MODEL OF THE AUGUSTA PUMPING SITE (NEAR SAHUARITA) NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED TO DETERMINE THE IMPACTS OF THEIR WATER USE ON LOCAL WELL OWNERS. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF SUBSIDENCE IN THE SAHUARITA AREA NEED TO BE STUDIED AND A DETERMINATION MADE AS TO WHAT ADDITIONAL PUMPING WILL DO.

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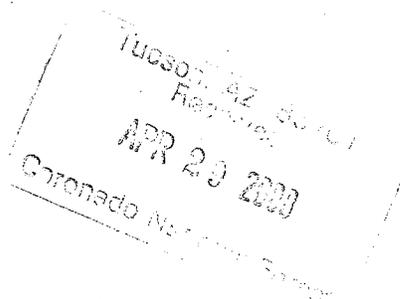
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I would like a publicly announced with at least 2 weeks notice I would like the meeting to be led by the Forest Service & contain the information citizens need to take to prevent the mine from being built on Forest Service land.

My concerns are:

- 1) interference with natural watersheds in an area
2) ground water pollution in an area where water is precious
3) air pollution
4) interference with wildlife - meaning cutting of their pathways from Sky Island to Sky Island. Reducing the large natural area habitat
5) dangerous traffic - lg trucks on Hwy 83
6) reduce tourism in Sonora, Patagonia region

Threaten endangered species

with reduced water - a desert

Danger to school buses & commuters.

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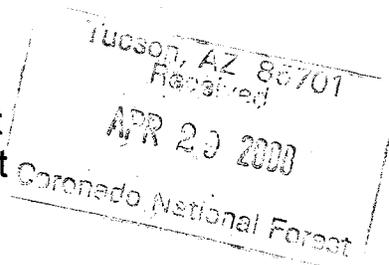
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Surely the EIS will report FULLY on the impact of the water that will be allowed to be pumped from the Rosemont-owned wells. These wells are located in the Upper Santa Cruz sub-basin of the Tucson Native Management Area groundwater basin. There are many "grandfathered" users of water drawing from this same area:

1. the existing mines west of I-19
2. the peach orchards
3. the residents of Green Valley
4. the residents of Sahuarita
5. the existing commercial properties in Green Valley and Sahuarita

Rosemont does NOT HAVE THE RIGHT to endanger the supply of water to the above users. Will the EIS allow Rosemont to withdraw a drop more water than it can replace by CAP water? (which is not always available)

NAME: George M Kennedy
EMAIL: gmk31@cox.net
ADDRESS: 1145 W. Camino de la Oca, Green Valley, AZ 85614

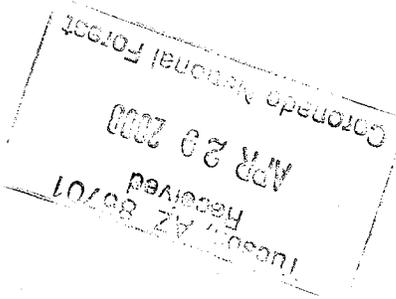
If so, the EIS must be rejected by the public, the State of AZ, and all other governmental bodies.

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COMMENT: Do not allow R.C. Mine Project because:

- 1. not enough proof copper amount is viable to sustain mining
2. water use will cause drop in ground water + lower level of ground - hurting Sahuarito homes + businesses. Satellite photos show ground seprasion
3. Tourism & living environment decreases with mine development
4. water recycled will put back pollutants into ground water.
5. Air pollution, noise pollution & traffic problems will result if mine allowed

NAME: Judi & Joe Bricher

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 211 W Paseo Recortado Green Valley AZ 85614

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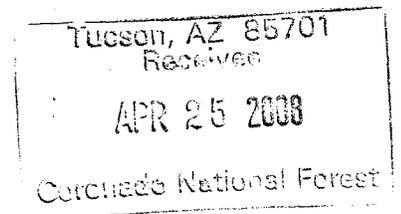
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**Joe G. Bricher**  
211 W Paseo Recortado  
Green Valley, AZ 85614-3468



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COMMENT:

I live on S. Camino del Sol<sup>just south of Continental Rd.</sup> and a lot of nights I can smell chemicals when the wind is blowing just right from the mines (Sierrita?) just west of us. I have blood clots (unknown cause) discovered a year ago + I don't smoke - never have... We are in the area where wells were contaminated by these same mines in the past few years.

Why is it that the almighty dollar means more than peoples' health, I will be 67 this Aug + after working all my life, I had hoped to retire and enjoy life, but can't due to peoples' greed. Why should we sell our beautiful forest lands to foreigners to rape + pillage. The mine land will never be equal to what it was before the land is exploited due to others greed + it won't stop. The more money companies make the more they want. The land we see in our area has

already been destroyed by mines. Why should people to east + south of Santa Rita lose their beauty also! one day there will be NO mts to enjoy, our future generations won't even know

NAME: Jean Bazer
EMAIL: sjbazerz@aol.com
ADDRESS: 1550 S. Camino del Sol
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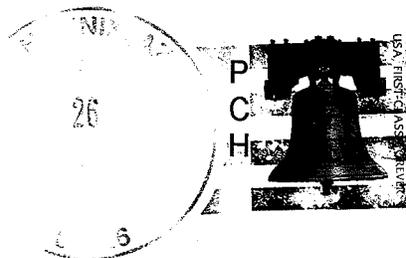
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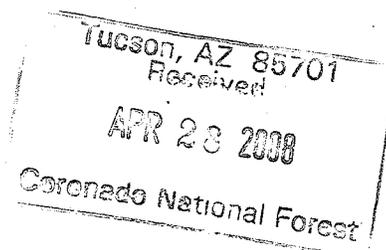
I have been on oxygen for 1 year now I had to cut down on teaching.

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COMMENT:

Mining in our FRAGIL desert would be a huge mistake. You can't revegetate the desert! EVER! It's bad enough all the development - but we certainly don't need reckless mining - which uses our precious water - pollutes our air (the wind will carry it for miles) & destroy our FRAGILE eco-system. Do the Right Thing. It's NOT all about money - but our quality of life! Please protect it for future generations

NAME: Sandra A Wolf

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

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 374  
Sonoma CA 95637

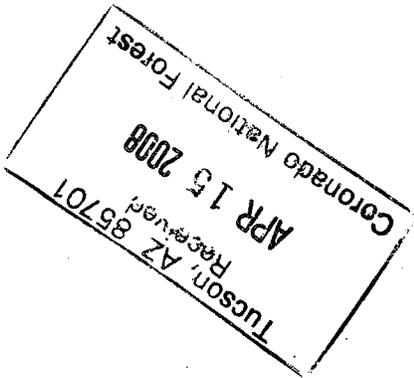
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COMMENT: The negative impact the proposed Rosemont Copper project would have on a significant, naturally beautiful area of our county far outweighs any economic benefit to our county. The air, water and noise pollution alone make it unacceptable for our citizens. I live in Tucson and have family members living near Parker Canyon Lake so I have been driving Highway 83 for many years. I can't accept the fact that our scenic Hwy 83 would be teaming with those trucks and other vehicles to and from that mine. From a beautiful drive you, Hwy 83 would become an ugly, very hazardous drive for all who use it.

Sincerely,  
Patricia S. Hosmer

NAME: Patricia S. Hosmer

EMAIL: 5167E. Timrod  
Tucson, AZ, 85711-7817

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

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COMMENT:

Mining in Arizona is a \$ B/year industry. With a pending U.S. Recession, a mine at Rosemont for copper would allow our state to benefit from the still booming economy in China.

This mine would most likely be buying U.S. made tracks, which buy U.S. steel, which hire U.S. workers. Locally, it brings good paying jobs and keeps Arizona's #1 resource, PEOPLE, in the state of Arizona.

Its Win-Win for all. Even when the mine becomes inactive, Reclamation can create numerous recreational and economic opportunities.

Once again, its Win-Win for all.

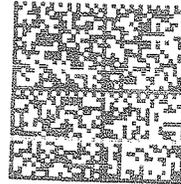
NAME: Brad Kachucka

EMAIL: BKACHURKA@Roadmachinery.com

ADDRESS: 716 S. 7th St  
Phoenix AZ 85034

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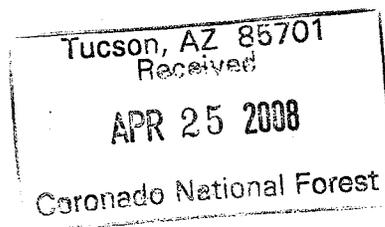
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COMMENT:

I would like to express support for the proposed Rosemont Copper Project. It is crucial to maintain U.S. sources of raw materials to remain competitive economically and for national security reasons. Copper has been very important to Arizona's economy and will continue to be. It fits with one of the original purposes for the US Forest Service - providing multiple uses for our public lands.

NAME: Mike Claflin

EMAIL: udubber@hotmail.com

ADDRESS: 14186 N 100TH PL  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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COMMENT: I believe the Rosemont Copper Project would provide much needed employment for the area. It would bring to the state of Arizona increased revenue for both the public and private sectors. There is a need for more industry in the state to sustain the quality of life for the increased population.

NAME: Leonard Read

EMAIL: leonard.read@remonks.com

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 17959

Fountain Hills, Arizona 85224

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COMMENT: I am in FAVOR of mining and mine reclamation once mining is completed. It is vital that the United States continue the exploration and accumulation of minerals. A program of denunciation or condemnation of mineral resourcing will promote the dependency of this country. This is contrary to the beliefs of the "Founding Fathers" and not in the best interests of Americans.

NAME: Theron Byram

EMAIL: Fisher man 1st 2001@yahoo.com

ADDRESS:

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COMMENT:

I feel it is imperative that the U.S. continue to develop its available resources. To compete in today's Global Economy and political climate we must work toward being self sufficient.

NAME: Terry Marshall
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Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

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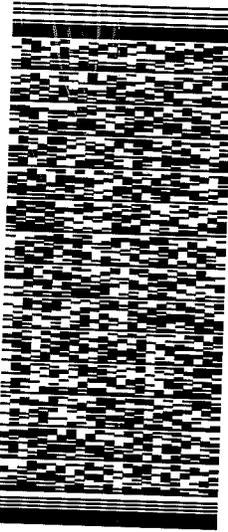
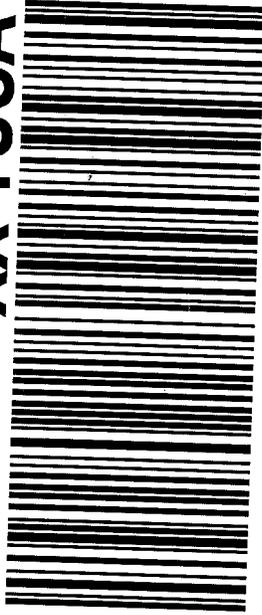
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"Save the Scenic Santa Ritas"  
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## **The Environmental and Social Impact of the Proposed Rosemont Mine**

I have been a citizen of Southern Arizona all my life. I first experienced the Rosemont area forty-five years ago. I lived and raised my family on the property directly south and adjacent to the proposed mine for twenty years. My children and I have hiked, rode, camped, lived and studied the area over that time. I now have the next private property to the south. I am an original member of the "Save the Scenic Santa Ritas" group that opposed Anamex Mining Companies attempts to disturb the area years ago. I was able to meet many of the pioneers who settled and ranched in that area from the early 1900's as well as involved in the community since that time. Both by experience and education, I have learned that the area is of special value, not only to me and my family and neighbors, but to the citizens of our country. It's social-historical and recreational/resource natural value is unique, great and not replaceable. This value would be irreparably harmed by the proposed mine, and merits being left protected and undisturbed for the present and future generations. In the following, I will enumerate some of the basis of this value and propose one possible solution to some of the stakeholder claims.

1) It has been reported that mine proponents hold that there are "many areas of natural beauty in this country, but only fourteen that have such rich deposits of copper." As a corollary, it is implied that copper is a scarce resource that is necessary to our country and hard to obtain. In actuality, there are few areas of natural beauty and social value that are have easy access and are proximate to large and growing population areas. Satellite views of the areas of southern Arizona show that this area is the only one not infringed upon by resource development (University of Arizona, Department of Astronomy). Secondly, copper is being obtained from sources world- wide and is recyclable. There is not demonstrable lack of the resource, although there is increased motive from the recently profitability from its mining, as its price, as that of other precious metals, has risen, fore the time being, secondary to the market changes based on other factors than scarcity of the metal.

2) The historical value of the area has not yet been widely popularized or utilized for the benefit of the public. There are numerous archeological sites that document the history of ancestors back thousands of years. Remnants of Native American ball sites and domestic and public dwellings will someday be used to teach our children about these people and the lessons we can learn form them,, as has been done with the cliff dwelling sites in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado( University of Arizona, Department of Archeology and Gordon Fritz, archeologist who researched this area ). Additionally, it is likely that significant paleontological findings will continue to be made, if the area is not decimated by the mine, as the Sonoitasaurus dinosaur bones found in the nearby empires across the valley. These will contribute to our knowledge and heritage of pre-human times ( Department of Paleontology, University of Arizona).

3) The area is also home to endangered species as the long-nosed bat and other avian and bat types which would be disturbed by the extensive destruction the mine would cause (Rick Taylor, naturalist. Donna Howe and Ronnie Snider (University of Arizona). The area is also a significant corridor for migrating birds from the northern to southern

hemispheres. Brightly colored species, familiar to us prior only from pictures in natural geographic, landed frequently, fed and watered at our residence which was adjacent and south of the mine site for the many years we lived there. We also experienced that the area provides a vital corridor for many large (bear and mountain lion) and small mammals, the former needing to cross between the Santa Rita and Empire and Whetstone mountain ranges to encompass sufficient habitat for successful breeding and sustenance( Sky Mountain Alliance, Ray McBride, Wayne Pruett, Joe Orchides, Bob Bowman( ranchers and cowboys from the area)).

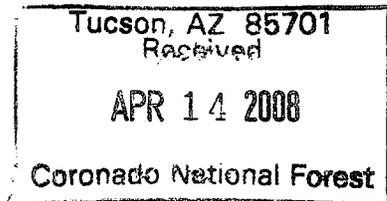
4) As human beings we have a need for contact with undisturbed nature and open space as well, both as visitors and inhabitants. Some of us, by choice, nature and illness, cannot prosper in the urban environment. Thousand of citizens live and visit this area for their recreation, health and well-being. Many environmentally immune compromised individuals can live nowhere else. They are the members of our species that are endangered and we have a responsibility to protect them as well. Development of the proposed mine will drive them out of the area not only through the destruction of the scenic view, but with the attendant degradation of the air quality, water shed and increase noise and pressure from the infrastructure of the operation and employee people traffic that the project will bring. One only has to look at the nearby changes that have occurred in Bisbee and Green Valley to have a realistic appreciation of what will occur in the Rosemont/Sonoita area from this project. The cost to those of us who are compromised and the value to the rest of us who can utilize them as critical indicators of what will happen to the rest of our species if we degrade our habitat must be factored in to the costs of the Rosemont project.

5) Other factors, as the impact on the Cienega watershed both from extraction and toxic pollution and the proposed water extraction from the northern side of the Santa Ritas on Tucson( Department of Hydrology University of Arizona), the further impact of road building through the Santa Ritas, the road safety issues and expense for road improvement that will be created on highway 83 from the heavy truck traffic and increase traffic in general( Arizona Department of Transportation), and the decrease attractiveness of the area to recreational users and these economic losses must be factored into the impact statement. The mine's creation of new jobs and revenues is far out weighed by the loss of those jobs and revenue from recreation and tourism that the destruction of the environment will bring. The short term and long term cost of this operation outweigh the benefit to the country of increased copper production to the local area, state of Arizona, the United States has only arguable short term return, for permanent long term damage. The attractiveness of the Green Valley Area will never return..

A direction for solution to this impending destruction of our vital environment, may be the public purchase of the Augusta Resource Corporations rights to the land and compensation to them for the profits they hope to generate from this project. The almost universal opposition by government, public groups, local and regional citizens and regret at not buying it when it was available before, indicates that public purchase and protection of the Rosemont Valley would be supported by tax payers and should be done now...

April 10, 2008

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Dear Ms. Derby:

The Coronado National Forest (CNF) has gotten off to a rough start in its scoping of a proposed mine in the Rosemont Valley.

I fail to understand why the CNF has positioned itself to take the hits for Augusta Resource and therefore has created the perception that the Forest is an advocate for the mine.

To demonstrate the CNF's stated position of neutrality I urge you to take a genuine neutral position and act accordingly.

In the letter of agreement between yourself and Congresswoman Giffords it is stated that there will be "Three public hearings..."

It is my hope that the Forest will take a pro-active approach in these hearings. The CNF should respond to NEPA questions and moderate the hearings by referring all other questions to the appropriate Augusta Resource staff and their consultants. An open facilitated dialogue is what the public expects in its efforts to dig out the issues that must be confronted.

We all know what hearings look like. Most people have watched Congress in recent hearings with General Petraeus, and Chairman Bernanke. True hearings function as a means to try to establish a common knowledge among a body of stakeholders.

Again I urge you to reposition the Coronado National Forest during this scoping to one of indisputable neutrality by acting as moderator to facilitate a dialogue for the common benefit of all southern Arizona citizens.

Sincerely,



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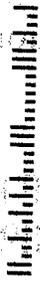
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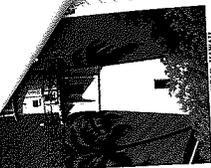
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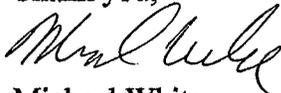
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To whom it may concern,

This project clearly jeopardizes water in the area, water that is essential for humans, wild-life and flora. Your role as a member of the government should be to protect the interests of the many against the interests of the few, in this case those who plan to gain from the project.

You must use your position to prevent any more destruction of our limited pristine areas in the state, and these would certainly be adversely affected by the Rosemont Copper Project.

Thank you,

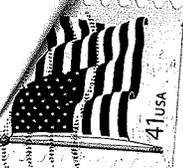


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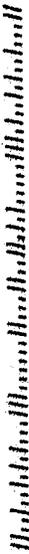
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Re: Proposed Rosemont Mine

I am writing to say I totally oppose the proposed Rosemont Mine operation and encourage the USFS to decline Rosemont's request.

Your website has fine and noble phrases such as "... to meet the needs of present and future generations ...", "... Caring for the Land and Serving People ...", "... Advocating a conservation ethic in promoting the health, productivity, diversity, and beauty of forests and associated land."

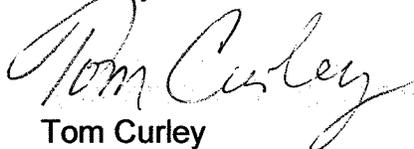
How is allowing a Canadian company to dig an open pit copper mine (the most devastating kind of rape of the land), extract copper, and sell it to China only to leave a scar on the land which will last for years in an area of natural beauty foster your goals? Not to mention the affect on the water table in the area.

What does it provide Americans, your "customers", except short-term, unreliable jobs?

Given your Vision, it hard to believe you are even considering Rosemont's proposal.

Again, I strongly urge you to turn down Rosemont's request.

Thank you.



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This is my input into the Forest Service EIS Report on the proposed Rosemont Copper Mine. I am very appreciative of the steps the Forest Service has already taken to make the comment period more workable for the public. In extending the length of the comment period and allowing people to speak at the public meetings you are restoring our confidence in your fairness in functioning as an impartial agency whose clear motive is supposed to be the management of the forests for the common good of all.

I also appreciate the extra steps you are taking to insure that the public understands the EIS process. In deciding to review the SWCA report with a senior member of Congresswoman Gifford's staff and a representative of the public you have again shown a desire for cooperation and fairness. And finally, in creating a community working group to assure that all specific public concerns relevant to the project are addressed in the EIS you are creating a model format for conducting controversial EIS reports. Because there is such a tremendously impassioned concern about protecting the rapidly shrinking wilderness areas in Southern Arizona I commend you for acknowledging and accepting as partners the people who want to be involved in this momentous decision.

Here are the points I want to bring to your attention regarding the Rosemont Mine EIS:

I object the fact that 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 have not yet been completed, therefore the hydrologic impacts cannot yet be determined.

I believe it is absolutely necessary that the Forest Service STOP all activity at Rosemont by Augusta until the NEPA process is complete. The Forest Service must not let Augusta piece-meal this mine, thereby avoiding REAL and meaningful environmental analysis of the impacts.

I request that the CUMULATIVE IMPACTS of all the new mining proposals in the area be considered in the EIS. Currently, in addition to the



Rosemont Mine, there are several calcium carbonate/limestone mine proposals in the Davidson Canyon area, and several copper/silver mine proposals in the Patagonia Mountains, Canelo Hills and San Rafael Valley. All of these mines would use Highway 83 to transport their chemicals and explosives.

There should be Demand 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.

In order to further insure that the process is fair, I request that the Forest Service make the mining plan and additional materials submitted by Augusta easily available to the public for review. Not everyone has internet, so make sure that hard copies are distributed throughout Southern Arizona.

Additionally, I think it is important that Pima County, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Arizona Game and Fish, and the Arizona State Office of Historic Preservation be included as "cooperating agencies," at a minimum in the EIS process.

The 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 for their dump.

It is my hope that the Media will be at all public meetings to record all sides of issues raised and the FS itself must provide a general presentation to the public and media at these hearings. Federal political leaders recognize the importance of town hall-type meetings, and the FS must again remember and implement the intent of democratic public meetings: the opportunity for open and fair debate.

And lastly, extend the comment period to 60 days AFTER Augusta submits ALL information and data the Forest Service requested in their letter dated Oct. 19, 2007, rejecting Augusta's mining plan last July 2007.

Thank-you!

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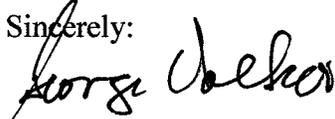
I am 100% in favor mining copper at the Rosemont Copper Project. Pima County and Arizona are highly mineralized areas. Copper is an Element that modern society can not exist without. It is important to the security of our nation that we do not become dependant upon foreign sources for our natural resources. (Case in point oil)

The (so-called) environmentalists that oppose this, are not about environment, they're only goal is control. Once they gain control, they do nothing to improve the quality of the land. They only wish to dictate how it will be used. Also the NIMBY's will be present on all projects.

There are adequate laws in place to protect the environment and modern mining practices are far improved from 100 years ago.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely:



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**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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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.

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The public comment period is the beginning of the social process. The better you understand the proposal, the more you can contribute to the analysis of the social issues that can be analyzed.

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To be effective, comments should be specific, brief, and focused on the issues that can be analyzed.

The format for comments is up to you. You may choose to write on a separate sheet of paper, or you may write directly on the envelope.

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COMMENT: I feel the Rosemont Copper Project is a prudent investment for Pima County & the state of Arizona.

For every one person employed at the mine 20 people in the area benefit as wages purchase goods & services. Pima County needs revenue.

Southern Pima County has dealt with mining for many years. Every person in the county, state & country uses copper, molybdenum, gold & silver - all which come from our local mines.

Since beauty is in the eyes of the beholder - contrast mines vs sprawling housing climbing up the mountains & down the valleys!

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COMMENT:

FACT: AGUSTA is active on proposed mine site.

FACT: they are NOT permitted yet.

FACT: they deny the public access to Federal LANDS.

Therefore: the Forest Service MUST have them stop all work UNTIL NEPA process completed.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

NAME: DAVID F. TENPENNY

EMAIL: none

ADDRESS: 20,500 S. MARAUDERS TR.

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COMMENT:

IT'S MOST LIKELY THAT C.A.P. + OTHER WATER SOURCES WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE TO SUPPLY ALL THAT'S NEEDED FOR PIMA COUNTY, LET ALONE A OPEN PIT MINE NEEDING THOUSANDS OF ACRE FEET PER YEAR.

THIS MAJOR STRAIN ON OUR WATER SUPPLY WOULD BE A SERIOUS RISK NOT WORTH TAKING.

NAME: DAVID TENPENNY

EMAIL: NONE

ADDRESS: 20,500 S. MARAUDERS TRAIL VAIL ARIZONA 85641

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COMMENT:

As a concerned property owner + resident of Pima County I ~~am~~ feel the mine ~~is~~ proposed by AGUSTA would overwhelm the ego system in the SANTA RITAS.

DAMAGE TO: would be devastating

- A) wildlife HABITATS
- B) cienega, watersheds
- C) recreational usage.
- D) WATER TABLE + ITS QUALITY

NAME: DAVID F. TenPENNY

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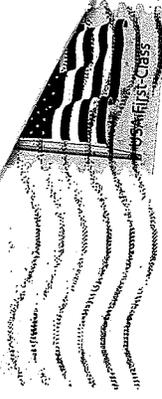
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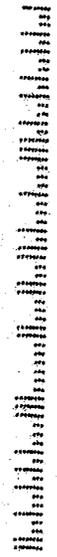
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**C. Parker Long  
1245 N. Abrego Drive  
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**To the decision makers at the Forest service for the Coronado National Park area.**

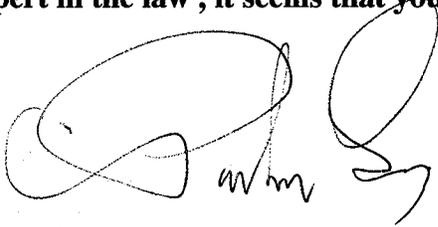
**It is no secret that many of us are opposed to the proposed Rosemont Mine in the Santa Ritas. Many for what the mine will do to the beautiful area that is there now.**

**My concern is the water . There is no indication that even if the proposed pipeline is put in place that this will reduce the stress on the aquifer. Recently some hydrology experts told us that at least a 36 inch pipeline would be required rather than the 20 inch proposed one.**

**Our potential water source is already past the danger point and we may be in trouble even without the mine , but with the mine the danger goes up exponentially. There is some doubt that the Colorado River water will be able to keep up with demand and our allotment may have to be reduced sometime in the next few decades. This disregard for water by our federal, state and local leaders reminds me a bit of the legend of Casey Jones who went on to oblivion with his hand on a wide open throttle, as we are with no real regard for our finite water resources.**

**While we recognize that the mining industry may be good for the economy of the state, it will do no good in more than the short term if there is not enough water to go around.**

**We recognize that you have to work with the existing law but hope that you will put up whatever barricades you can while we work to get the law changed. While I am not an expert in the law , it seems that you could do something to derail the process.**



**C. Parker Long, MD. Retired  
1245 North Abrego Drive  
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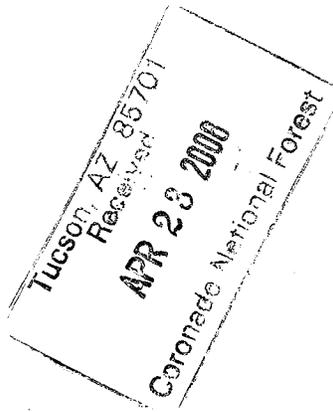
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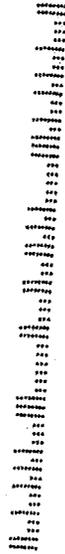
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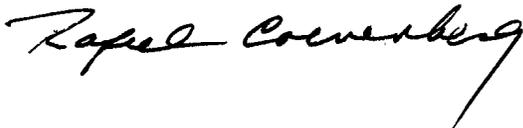
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Team Leaders of the Rosemont Mine Project

To save the Scenic Santa Ritas it is my demand that the Forest Service STOP all Activity at Rosemont by Augusta until the NEPA process is complete. I Demand that the Forest Service not let Augusta piece-meal this mine, thereby avoiding Real and meaningful Environmental analysis of the impacts.

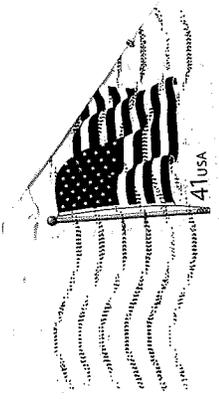
I also demand there be no revision to the Forest Plan to accommodate Augusta. The Forest Service should Not revise the Forest Plan to accommodate mining at all. If Augusta's Mining Plan of Operation (MPO) cannot meet the current standards and requirements of the Forest Plan, then the Forest Service must deny the mine.

I also insist that the Forest Service 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 had no real legal right to use our public land for their dump.

Sincerely, Rafeel Coenberg  
P.O. Box 4305  
Sedona Arizona, 86340

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rafeel Coenberg". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.

Rafeel Coenberg  
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Team Leader  
Rosemont Copper Project, Coronado National Forest  
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Dear forest friends,

Surely the Colorado Nat'l  
Forest staff are fighting  
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in the Santa Rita Mts.

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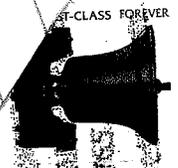
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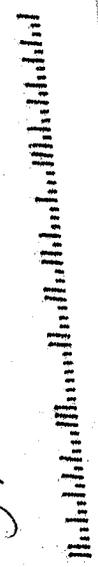


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Ms. Jeanine A Derby, Forest Supervisor  
Conoco National Forest  
300 W. Congress St  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Dear Forest Supervisor Derby:

Reference: Rosemont Mine Comments

Attached are my comments. I did write Forest Geologist Bev Everson for additional information, but I guess my request was never received. I know Bev to be a very responsive individual to the public, and would have replied if my letter was received.

My new address is above. Please change in your files.

Most Sincerely Yours

*Robert H. Oldfield*

Robert H. Oldfield

Retired Geologist

incl: Rosemont Mine Comments

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## Rosemont Mine Comments

Robert H. Oldfield, Retired Geologist Florence, AZ

1. I support the Rosemont mine proposal, as appropriately mitigated to minimize environmental disturbances and effects on the human environment. I am familiar with the proposal submitted ~ 1986-87 and believe the mine can be operated to the benefit of all, especially our national security and being as light on the land as possible.
2. ~~Apprec~~ Fortunately, approval and disapproval do not fall within the authorities granted the USDA-FS. The Mining Law of 1872 as amended gives a property right to the claimant who can show that they have a deposit that a person of normal prudence will expend time, money and labor in the expectation of a paying mine (Castle v. Wondle, Supreme Court decision, 1882). Unless the USDA-FS has formally asked the USDI-BLM for authority to contest the claims, the assumption is the claims are valid and their owners have a right to ~~the~~ prospect, explore and mine the claimed mineral (likely copper, ~~and~~ gold, etc within a porphyry copper deposit having both oxide and sulfide mineralized ~~of~~ zones. It is assumed prospecting and exploration have been conducted to outline the ore body.

3. The mine is important for the local, state and national economies and if taxed appropriately, will provide substantial real estate, inventory taxes as well as income taxes from well-paid construction workers and miners. This is a significant deposit, in part for national security given most new metal mines have been opened in foreign countries, many less than politically stable. This country has substantial metal and oil/gas resources on/off shore but does not have the political will to extract them, instead to "foul the footpath" of other countries. This philosophy has resulted in cartels and foreign ownerships that have resulted in inflationary prices for base metals and hydrocarbons.

4. The mine will be located in an area well outside the city of Tucson on National Forest, BLM, State and private lands. The AZ DEQ, USEPA and Corps of Engineers will "monitor it to death" to make sure permit requirements are met.

5. Mines may last many years, even transcending lifetimes, but they all eventually play out. Just as our generation has succeeded the mines of the AZ Fed, generations from now will also wonder what the big deal was with Rosemont.

6. A smart "post mine land use" will return the lands affected to an equal or higher production of surface uses.
7. Mines are geology laboratories, and provide a "window" to the earth and evidence of the processes that formed the deposit locally and evidence to further explain regional geology. It is likely the company operating the mine will conduct tours and other public affairs programs for the education of the public.
8. Rosemont should not be a victim of prevailing environmental extremist policy that "surface resources no matter how poor should trump mineral values no matter how great". The minerals mined are important ingredients in to these individual's cell phones, computers, BMW's, etc. If it is determined that Rosemont is a poor risk, it should be done on good science, national security, economics and other objective factors. It's easy to be a "NIMBY" and say "Tucson doesn't need Rosemont". It would take a lot of industry (which also have impact to the environment) to replace the economic value of Rosemont. Every  $\text{cm}^2$  of WF lands has surface values, amenity values and intrinsic values. Mining and related activities are "multiple use" activities, just as any other use. Since

Wilderness and other withdrawn areas (like the ~2600 ac of cave, etc W/D), the mine should be evaluated as a legitimate multiple use purpose worthy of equal consideration of any surface resource value.

9. Construction and mining activities involve heavy machinery and blasting, therefore safety considerations must be paramount to protect the public using ~~of~~ NF lands or living in the proximity of the mine.
10. Consideration should be given to phased reclamation as units are mined out.
11. Best Management Practices (BMP) should be incorporated for soil, water, AMD, etc. Soils and organic material removed should be segregated, protected and available for reclamation.
12. It is likely the mine will have need of the crystalline limestone from the two mines in the Santa Rita, that consideration should be incorporated. Also, the mine will have many mineral material needs: gravel, riprap, etc that they may seek from nearby sources.

13. The FS should establish photo monitoring point to document all phases of operation from first cut to reclamation.

14. I note the great interest in alternative energy - solar, wind, geothermal, etc. Perhaps some of these could be used at the mine? At any rate, the copper and other minerals will be a boost to the construction of alternative energy generators.

I'm sure I could make more intelligent comment if I had a copy of the mine plan or a summary. It has been my intention to be constructive and as well as holistic. Please keep me posted of further opportunities to comment on this and other mineral-related projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

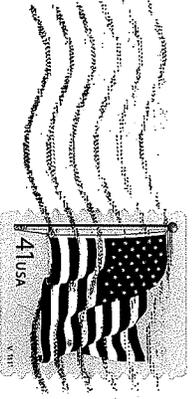
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Retired Geologist, RC

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Ms. Jeanine H. Derby, Forest Supervisor  
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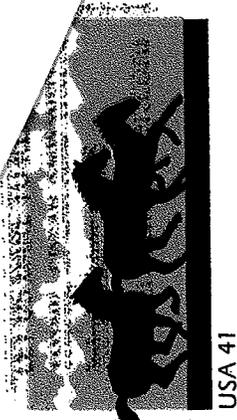
Heidi Schewel: Rosemont TEAM Leader  
To whom it may concern.

4/25/08.

I am writing this letter to you to express my opinion that I am opposed to the possibility of the Rosemont Copper mine being allowed at the northern end of the Santa Rita mountains. The mining law that allows claims like that is from 1872 and is outdated. The mine is said to use 100,000 acre feet of water in twenty years. That is 416 acre feet of water per month. That is enough water for 13,574 households in Tucson that use an average amt of water per month. The mine will also have the permanent affect on the desert that a mine has, scarring the landscape.

Respectfully  
James S. Connolly  
P.O. Box 674 Vail AZ 85641  
520.326-8843

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Team Leader Rosemont Copper Project  
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March 26, 2008

Attn: Team Leader  
Rosemont Copper Project EIS  
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300 Congress Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the initial public comment period for preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Rosemont Copper Project. We are ranch owners at High Haven Ranch, with Forest Service grazing permits of Oak Tree Allotments I & II, directly adjacent to Forest Service lands now leased by Rosemont Copper Company. We have tremendous concern over the multitude of impacts to our area that would occur if the proposed Rosemont Copper Project is accepted by the Forest Service.

During all the over 40 years that the Barchas family has had ownership of High Haven Ranch, we have treasured the scenic open space and aesthetic natural beauty of the land. We have valued that Highway 83 is designated as a Scenic Highway. One of the spectacular viewsheds on all of that highway is at mileage marker 44 on the west side high point overlooking the magnificent and pristine panorama of Rosemont Valley - the very area that would be ravaged by the impacts of the proposed mine.

We have always had a positive, mutually respecting, cooperative relationship with the Forest Service. That, of course, will continue to be so. But we do need to express that it disturbs us greatly that the battle our community so strongly fought against ASARCO is now having to be fought again, this time with Augusta Resource (Rosemont Copper Co.). The following are our concerns:

1. The pristine area would be irreparably and permanently scarred and ravaged. There is no way there could be adequate restoration of the the devastation of the environment of the open pit copper mine and tailings sites. Grandiose promises made in such instances tend to eventuate in only empty words, with bankruptcy being the easy way to get out of responsibility, dumping ultimate burden on the taxpayers.
2. The wildlife corridors would be adversely affected with danger to threatened species. There is important biodiversity in that area that must be protected.
3. There are major questions and problems regarding impacts on water, wells, watershed, groundwater in volume, purity, contamination and depletion.
4. The winding, narrow highway 83 would be clogged, with much higher traffic density and volume, heavy trucks carrying potentially toxic loads, more likelihood of accidents and spills.
5. Air and noise pollution would be much affected by dust and explosives. Considerations for health and factors affecting astronomy would be impacted .
6. Long range effects in quality of life, the facade of boom and bust economy,, the added burdens economically to the local community, the depletion of property values, would all be important considerations.

It would be very important to have additional governmental bodies and agencies involved in the NEPA process. It truly is essential that Pima County Supervisors and Pima County governmental agencies should be involved, as well as Arizona Fish and Wildlife, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and Historic Preservation should at the very least be among those from whom input is sought to be part of the NEPA process. Adequate time should be given for fuller participation and response by the community.

The principle of Multiple Use should not be allowed to become Multiple Abuse. The ultimate mission of the Forest Service should be stewardship of the land, not to enable despoilment. The Forest Service should not change its plan to accommodate mining interests.

The proposed Rosemont Open Pit Copper Mine would create many layers and dimensions of despoilment, causing ravaging of pristine land, and with negative impacts for generations to come.

Thank you for giving these concerns your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Sarah E. Barchas and Cecile M. Barchas*

Sarah Barchas and Cecile Barchas

We concur with the above concerns:

*Rebecca E. Barchas 3/26/08*

*Jay Coker*

*- I am adamantly opposed to this project and the exploitation and despoilment which would result!*

*Jack Barchas, MD*

*- It is critical that Pima County government agencies and State agencies such as Fish and Wildlife and Dept of Environmental Quality be involved in the analysis of decisions regarding environmental impact.*

*M. A. Ziba*

*and Rachel Barchas Lieberman*

*THE FOREST SERVICE MUST STOP ALL ACTIVITY BY ROSEMONT BY AUGUSTA UNTIL REAL AND MEANINGFUL ANALYSIS CAN BE COMPLETED. THE NEPA PROCESS MUST BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO COMPLETION. DECISIONS MUST BE BASED ON FACTS.*

*Rudy Barchas*

*(COMMENTS ON ATTACHED SHEET.)*

c/o High Haven Ranch  
P.O. Box 246  
Sonoita, AZ 85637-0246  
April 21, 2008

To Attn: Team Leader  
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Comments by Rudy Barchas

How ironic that the beautiful Grand Canyon State may have to endure the environmental assault, indignity and despoilment of one of its most peaceful and scenic corners to another epic carving up of its soil – only this time for a one cubic mile man-made open pit copper mine – a mammoth canyon but, alas, not a very grand one.

We moved to Arizona 50 years ago for a quality of life that involved natural beauty, clean air and water, wildlife, peace from noise pollution, never anticipating that the pastoral stillness could be replaced with tens of thousands of dynamite blasts, accompanying dust, and more dust and noise from heavy trucks and other heavy equipment.

Soil could be contaminated by tailings and made toxic and infertile by the poisons that accompany mining leach fields. Contaminated soil usually occurs hand in hand with contaminated water. Do we want our Forest Lands and water to become a toxic waste site? We didn't move to Arizona for this.

Is our beloved Arizona Scenic Highway 83 soon to become Arizona Pitway 83?

Please help this area to preserve its important quality of life.  
Our planet has suffered enough rape on the pretext of progress.

Sincerely,



Rudy Barchas

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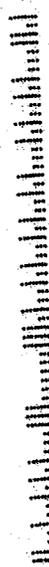
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Kim Gill  
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April 23, 2008

ATTN: Rosemont Copper Project EIS  
Coronado National Forest  
300 W. Congress St.  
Tucson, Arizona 85701

Subject: Comment on the Rosemont Copper Project EIS

To: The Coronado National Forest Supervisor

Augusta Resource will not be allowed to start mining operations on the Rosemont Ranch without incurring widespread public protest and objections to this proposal. The idea of allowing them to degrade these beautiful recreational lands by dumping tailings on the adjacent Coronado National Forest lands is an affront and a flagrant abuse of these scenic public lands surrounding the proposed Rosemont Ranch mining operations.

Please do not allow our cherished recreational areas in the Santa Rita Mountains to be despoiled and polluted by mining operations. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Kim Gill  
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My name is Larry Eaglen; my water is pumped from well number 55-503332. This is a commercial well that was dug in 1982 that was geared for growing gourds as a small business for our retirement in one year. My concerns are in connection with the Rosemont mine and their massive water needs.

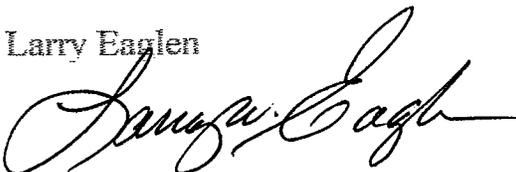
My questions for you are;

1. What is the direct impact the mine will have on my well?
2. Will my well go dry?
3. Who will be responsible when my well goes dry?
4. What measures will be taken to assure me that I will have water?
5. Will water be trucked in, or how will I get water?
6. What assurance do I have on the quality of the water that is being brought in?
7. What is the responsibility of Rosemont mine when the water level drops?
8. Will Rosemont mine have my well dug deeper?
9. Can someone tell me what the future ground water table depth will be?
10. Is the water level to be monitored regularly by anyone and who?
11. When Rosemont mine is no longer a viable mine, who will be responsible for my water problems.
12. Who will pay for all the water problems?
13. Who will compensate me for the loss of business to my Eaglen-Empire Gourd company? (Inability to grow gourds for my business)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Larry Eaglen



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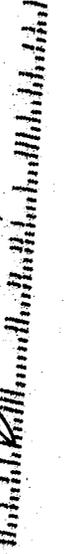
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**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), list the Gila chub (*Gila intermedia*) as endangered with critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Gila chub were historically found throughout the Gila River basin in southern Arizona, southwestern New Mexico, and northeastern Sonora, Mexico. The Gila chub has been reduced in numbers and distribution in the majority of its historical range (Minckley 1973; Weedman et al. 1996). Where it is still present, populations are often small, fragmented, and at risk from known and potential threats and from random events such as drought, flood events, and wildfire. The primary threats to Gila chub include predation by and competition with nonnative organisms, including fish in the family Centrarchidae (*Micropterus* spp., *Lepomis* spp.), other fish species, bullfrogs (*Rana catesbeiana*), and crayfish (*Orconectes virilis*), and habitat degradation from surface water diversions and ground water withdrawals. Secondary threats include habitat alteration, destruction, and fragmentation resulting from numerous factors that are discussed in this final rule. The current status of the Gila chub is much degraded from historical levels. The species exists as a few, small isolated, populations. The small size of these populations, and their degree of fragmentation and isolation, cause them to be highly susceptible to threats. We believe that due to the current reduced status of the Gila chub and the severity of threats, including nonnative species predation and habitat destruction, the Gila chub is likely to become extinct throughout all or a significant portion of its range. This final rule will implement the Federal protection and recovery provisions of the Act for this species. We are also designating approximately 160.3 river miles (mi) (258.1 kilometers (km)) of critical habitat located in Grant County, New Mexico, and Yavapai, Gila, Greenlee, Graham, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Pima, and Pinal Counties in Arizona.

Cienega Creek (upper and lower) is designated as a critical Habitat and its status is unstable/threatened

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Question for the Forest service:

Can the disruption of the rain runoff and lowering of the local groundwater table from the Rosemont mine further threaten the surface water of the Cienega Creek? The Cienega Creek is approximately 8 to 9 miles east of the Mine location. The Fish and Wildlife service under the US department of the interior has classified the Ceinega Creek (upper and lower) as a critical habitat for the Gila Chub (*Gila Intermedia*) which is designated as endangered with critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as documented in the Federal Register.

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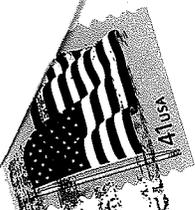
Hi,

My water is pumped from well number 55-519879. I would like to know what impact the Rosemont mine will 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? What guarantees do we have, if My wells go dry or is polluted as an indirect impact of the mine? What will Augusta do to guarantee I have water, and how long will the guarantee last. If the mine closes are there going to be funds put in a trust to cover the expense of having a well dug deeper, if the well no longer produces water is Augusta going to pipe or truck water to me, and what quality will the water be because right now I have EXCELLENT water. My home is worthless if I don't have water. Where will the water come from if they agree to supply me. How will they determine the amount of money that would be set aside in case this occurs.

Thank you for answering these questions.

Sincerely

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**My water is pumped from well number 55-513895.**

**The legal description for the property is:  
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**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? This is and has been our home for over 22 years and the primary source of our investments.**

**Thank you for answering these questions.**

**Sincerely,**

*Robert W Harris*  
*Sue Ann Harris*

**Robert W. and Sue Ann Harris  
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If you would like to make a comment or be added to our mailing list, please fill out this form and mail it to the following address: USDA Forest Service, Coronado National Forest, 300 West Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85701, Attention: Beverly Everson. You are also welcome to write a letter or send e-mail to: [comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us). Thank you!

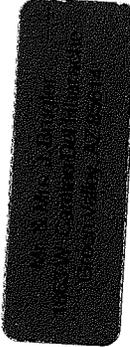
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\_\_\_\_\_ We are against any company mining especially a Canadian company mining in the Santa Rita Mountains. The list of problems from the dump waste to depleting our water could never be justified for now or future generations. I can not believe that the Forest Service could think of permitting this Rosemont Copper project. Our homes and property will be of little value in future. Our environment from mining has been proved to be harmed already.

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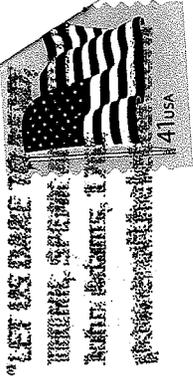
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am very concerned about the effect that the Rosemont Mine will have on the environment. I do not believe that the number of jobs created will balance the depletion of our ground water.

I have been reading the articles in the Arizona Daily Star and feel very strongly that additional drain on our water resources cannot be tolerated in a time of drought.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Keyser



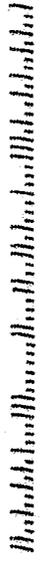
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April 27, 2008

Team Leader Rosemont Copper Project  
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RE: Public Comment Period – Rosemont Copper Mine

To Whom It May Concern:

I have so many concerns about the proposed Rosemont mine project, I hardly know where to begin! Having lived in Green Valley for 9+ years and visiting here every winter for five years before that, I'm well aware of the impact of mining on our communities. For most of the years we've lived here, the mine has been minimally staffed and largely non-productive until recent months when the price of copper improved; many of the people from whom we obtain services had family members who are employed in the mines and they experience a lot of uneasiness about when and for how long they'll be working this time! It would be very little different for the Rosemont mine so the fact that some jobs will be provided to "boost this area's economy" bears no validity from my perspective.

However, that is not my largest or only concern. Seems that the best way to identify all of my concerns is simply to list them; therefore:

1. Augusta Resource Corporation has not yet completed or submitted the requested documentation after their second Mining Plan of Operation was rejected; therefore, it seems that ending the public comment period on July 11<sup>th</sup> is unfair. I request that the comment period be extended to a date some 30-60 days **AFTER** all of the requested documentation is received by the Forest Service and made available to the public for our review and comments.
2. I am aware that roads have been graded by Augusta, gates installed, drilling equipment put in place already and they have not even yet been approved for their project! I request that the Forest Service demand that Augusta cease **ALL** work on the project until the NEPA process is complete!
3. Please consider the cumulative impacts of all of the new mining proposals in the area in the EIS .... I am personally aware that Augusta is considering development of three other copper deposits immediately north and west of the proposed Rosemont project. Additionally, there are calcium carbonate/limestone and several copper/silver mine proposals in the offing in the Patagonia Mountains, Canelo Hills and the San Rafael Valley ... all of which would have to use Highway 83 for transportation of their chemicals and explosives. The cumulative impact of all of these, if approved, should definitely be considered!

4. Please do **NOT** revise the Forest Plan to accommodate Augusta or mining of any sort. I am a docent in Madera Canyon and cannot even imagine how ugly our lovely mountains would become if mining is allowed purely for financial concerns! I feel the EIS should look at how the Rosemont mine (and the others I have mentioned) fit in the **CURRENT** Forest Management Plan!
5. I want to be assured that **ALL** of the documentation submitted by Augusta is made available for public review --- in hard copy because not everyone has internet access, strange as that may seem!
6. Cooperating agencies such as Pima County, AZ Department of Environmental Quality and Arizona Game and Fish should be included in the EIS process -- and even the Arizona State Office of Historic Preservation. I feel there should also be a citizens committee ...let's be fair!
7. With water conservation on everyone's mind, I cannot even imagine the effect of these mining proposals on our future water availability and quality! Here in Green Valley, one water company in particular has had polluted supply from the local copper mine .... these proposals almost **ASSURE** that toxic chemicals and heavy metals would leach into the ground and impact our water supplies. When canyons are filled in and land surfaces changed, watershed is dramatically impacted -- this is a serious consideration! **AND** the fact that the mine's entire supply will come from the aquifers here in the Sahuarita area almost assures deprivation in the future!
8. Impact on wildlife ... habitat, moving corridors, food/water sources!
9. Degradation of the air quality in both the Coronado National Forest and surrounding residential areas, both from the mine dust **AND** the truck traffic! Consider the impact of the almost constant winds here in the Tucson area and the movement of that dust and particulate matter from the mining operation!
10. Aesthetics .... this mine will be visible from State Highway 83, which is a designated "Scenic Highway in Arizona" --- approval of this mining operation will create another "Morenci" view as seen on Highway 191 in the far eastern part of the state! There are nothing but shell mountains left and they can be seen from every angle, except from the south!
11. The amount of truck traffic both on Sahuarita Road and Highway 83 will be greatly increased, endangering other drivers including our children in school buses, cyclists, tourists. Additionally, these trucks will be carrying heavy construction equipment (wide loads) and blasting explosives ... and on a narrow winding road!
12. One more important concern is that I feel the Forest Service should conduct a

validity exam on all mining claims that Augusta wants to use for their mine waste, tailing and other facilities. I do not feel they should be allowed to use our public lands for dumps!

13. I would demand that media be at all public meetings to record ALL sides of issues raised and that the Forest Service provide a general presentation to the public and media at all hearings, allowing opportunity for open and fair debate of this issue.

My list goes on and on and includes other concerns such as daily blasting noise, the spoiling of a pristine and typical Arizona desert and rolling grasslands area, and the effect on property values which have already suffered so dramatically in recent months!

I ask that you consider my points and assure that the EIS addresses each and every one.

Thank you.



Loma Woodburn  
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COMMENT:

Beverly, the Rosemont Mine proposal area has 27 geologic types represented on the 2007 G.S. Survey map, including Prv [Permian rain valley] located near the epicenter of 3 Mafic Lava Flows, and below, MD Mississippi Devonian with recrystallized limestones, below which are 3 north south limestone deposits of progressively younger age, <sup>from west to east</sup> that may be rather intense in nuclear emissions.

As well, two Jurassic sections occur near the proposed mine pit with hanging wall at the southwestern pit rim. Geologic questions remain for reconstruction of the various geologic events over thousands and millions of years. The proposed mine would obliterate much ancient history, and contribute more than a billion pounds of sulfuric acid, H2SO4 and as much ammonia nitrate [blasting] to the detriment of the area with Willow Canyon [mudstone etc 2,200 to 2,500 <sup>meters</sup> thick across most of the eastern section of Rosemont and Mt. Fagan Rhyolite 1000 meters thick at the eastern edge of the disturbed area.

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hence flows of contamination would continue towards the Davidson Canyon, polluting the area for centuries into the future as tailings weather.

See attached page:

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

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Over time, the cost of loss of visitors to the area will surpass the income due to copper extraction.

Better use would be cessation to more mining disturbances and completion of a fascinating historical analysis that would draw many residents to the area, as well as visitors from elsewhere.

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Forest Supervisor  
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Dear Forest Supervisor Jeanne Derby,

Before an accurate EIS regarding the Rosemont Copper Project can be drafted, some big questions need to be addressed. These are a few of my questions and concerns about this mining proposal.

In recent company shareholder literature Augusta Resources talks about placing a 29 million dollar long-lead order for a SAG and ball mill. I hope that this proposed project is just that, and not a done deal. Has this company been given the go ahead and NEPA become just a venting exercise?

1] What are the long term consequences of exchanging potable water for recharged ditch water and will it be enough? What if the CAP can't supply enough water over the life of the mine, or it's needed for Tucson's growing populace? Augusta has never operated a mine, let alone one located in a desert. What happens if they exceed their water use goals? What guarantees do we have that Rosemont's leach pads and tailings ponds won't eventually leak? History has shown that all mines leak toxins and heavy metals, in this case destroying the upper aquifer on the N. E. side of the Santa Rita Mts. Other mining companies had plans to mine the Santa Ritas, but didn't have the water.

2] This proposed mine site is home to the endangered lesser longnose bat and pineapple cactus, six species of "special concern", and some threatened. It is also a movement and habitat corridor to the northeast. What impact will the mine and accompanying