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COMMENT:

I strongly believe this is the wrong idea, in the wrong place, at the wrong time. There are so many reasons why this proposal should not be allowed to go forward, so I will focus on just a few:

Safety: The idea of very heavy slow-moving trucks hauling dangerous materials entering and leaving Highway 83 is incredibly dangerous. School buses make scores of trips weekly on this route besides commuters, motorcyclists, RV's etc. It is a designated scenic highway.

Water: The claim that four canyons can be filled with no damage to the watershed is ludicrous at best. Studies show the great certainty of dewatering of existing wells and contamination of others and the water table.

Air Quality deterioration is certain and noise & light pollution will negatively impact the thriving tourist industry.

NAME: James Sullivan

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NAME: GARY RETHENFORD, OWNER LA FRONTERA REALTY
EMAIL: gary@lafrontera22.com
ADDRESS: PO BOX 98, 340 NAUGLE AVE, PATAGONIA, AZ 85624

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COMMENT: My Biggest concern is water depletion and water contamination. destruction of the land and what it will do to the wild life, the noise and dust that it will put into the air. what is the Big truck going to do to highway 83- I think this is going to destroy our commute to and from town. My Land Value will go way down. then after 20 years when all the stuff they dig up sedels & filters down to the water table & polutes the water then what.

I just don't see why The forest service is willing to let this happen. why destroy this land for the Future use of our children.

NAME: Chuck Woodford

EMAIL: carwell@wildblue.net

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 144 Vail, AZ 85641

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FIRST, I DO NOT CONSIDER THIS EVENT A "public forum"

I SENT AN E-MAIL ALREADY TO BOB OUTLINING ALL OF THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES THAT WILL RESULT IF THIS MINE GOES THROUGH SAFETY, HEALTH, TOURISM, PROPERTY VALUES, SHUTTING DOWN OF Hwy 83, WATER DEPLETION - ALL NEGATIVE. WE WILL DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE CITIZENS OF PINA COUNTY ARE INFORMED OF THIS POTENTIAL MINE. THE CITIZENS ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS MINE.

NAME: Magrene R. RICHARDST

EMAIL: BSR SVN@ STAR AZ wildBlue.com

ADDRESS: Hill, Box 999, Sonoita, AZ 85637

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COMMENT:

I live within 1 mile of the proposed mine. As such, the following will severely affect me:

- noise: 24 hrs per day, 7 days per week
- socioeconomic: the value of my life's home investment will be cut
- access: driving HWY 83 will first be a battle with trucks blocking in mining equipment, & then backing out.
- Biological resources: The mule tail & white tail deer will be adversely affected.
- Water resources: we rely on well water from an aquifer that the pit will intersect.
- Land use: Pima county has enforced building and land use restrictions that were designed to protect the area. We spent 10s of thousands of dollars to comply. The mine complies with nothing.

NAME: BYRCE REICHARDT

EMAIL: bsrsun@azwildlife.com

ADDRESS: HCI, Box 999

13152 E. SINGING VALLEY RD. 85637

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This is an unusually unique and important area on many levels - particularly environmentally. Ignoring that fact flies in the face of all that is good and right for human beings. Just consult the nature conservancy's EcoRegion map that includes this area - among much more data on the subject.

I completely object to mining in this area. There is no place or good reason for it and it must be stopped. Do not buckle to under the pure economic pressure and sell the ecological habitat out. Stockholders who have not been here don't understand but they must be made to!

Stop - do the right thing and stop mining here. K. James

NAME: Kathleen James

EMAIL: Kathleen@lafonteraaz.com

ADDRESS: PO Box 98, Patagonia AZ 85624

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The bottom line (cost/benefit) is a loss to AZ and especially this region. Loss of water, air quality, environment health would be greater than the \$ gained by a private mining company.

It is short sighted. In 15-20 years we will be left with waste & destruction that will take thousands of years to heal.

I know we need minerals, but we must extract them in a responsible way. Profit must be subservient to sustainability.

Truck traffic + water loss/water quality loss will cost more than Arizona will gain.

NAME: Sally Lockwood

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ADDRESS: 584 Paseo Candela, Rio Rico, AZ 85648

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When does the stupidity of destroying our world stop? ~~The~~ proposal means nothing. Untouched land ~~is~~ = ~~holds~~ the health of our children; ^(IN ADDITION) the most beautiful part of southern Arizona must remain whole. BEAUTY IS TRUTH. Please!

TRY CARING

NAME: Paula Wittner
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COMMENT:

I live + own property about 4 miles north + 3 miles E. of proposed Rosemont mine.

My primary concerns are.

- A) Depletion of water table.
B) Pollution of ground water
C) Air - noise - light pollution
D) serious traffic issues on Hwy 83
E) loss of tourism - hunting - wildlife + Ego systems

No mine belongs in area! Whole project should be scraped!

NAME: DAVID F. TENPENNY

EMAIL: NONE

ADDRESS: 20,500 S. MARAUDERS TRAIL VALE ARIZ. 85641

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- 1 Sonoran Hwy. is a designated scenic highway. Trailings are not scenic.
2 We are in the middle of a 15yr drought. Even with CAP water I am very concerned that the wells in the area will be adversely affected, either be a lowering of the water table or pollutants leaching into the aquifer.
3 The huge increase in traffic on US 83 will be a hazard for residents, school buses & tourists & bicyclists.
4 I am concerned that when the mining ends in 20 yrs. we will be left with an EPA Superfund site in our backyard & the conditions will be long gone.

NAME: CAROL SHINSKY

EMAIL: gccats@azwildblue.com

ADDRESS: 15791 E. HILTON RANCH RD. VAIL, AZ. 85641

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COMMENT:

TRAFFIC - would increase pollution, noise! Heavy Trucks wear on people & highways

WATER - we must not endanger underground & above ground streams!

VISUAL IMPACT - This will remain as a negative impact on the environment. The mining of copper releases toxins in the environment

Destruction of wild life!!

Destruction of plants/trees

I oppose the plan for an open pit mine in the Santa Rita's!!

NAME: Constance L. Mullineax

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 21 Sonita AZ
85637

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COMMENT: It is clearly evident that, for the profit of a few - more will suffer.

The negative impact far outweighs any benefits for area residents and visitors -

The age of mining is gone from this area and the falsities about employment must be noted - the high tech jobs created by today's mining processes will not be filled by locals -

Most money will disappear from the area in the hands of a few and destroy the reasons why tourists and locals spend their time + money here

This is all in addition to H2O, contamination, plant and animal habitat destruction

NAME: Abbie Zeltzer

EMAIL: azeltzer@yahoo.com

ADDRESS:

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Handwritten comment: Forest Service keep your guns at home

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EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Traffic Problems -- of the corporate FAs. Say this is "under review" Not good enough. What is now a pleasant ride will be a nightmare.

NAME: Deborah Dorr
EMAIL: ddorr32@aol.com
ADDRESS: Sonoma

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Property values in Sonoita will be harmed because ~~the~~ most (all?) residents go to Tucson frequently for food & other supplies. I need to cash in my house in 15-20 years to buy into a retirement commu. Perhaps Augusta would like to pay

NAME: Deborah Dover

EMAIL: ddover32leadon

ADDRESS: ~~PO~~ POBx 757 Sonoita 85637

me for lost equity?

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"Scenic restoration"
or "view shield" are
misnomers. You will ruin the
view from Hwy 82's pullout -
a 450 foot high wall
of rock is NOT
Acceptable.

NAME:

Debi Dover

EMAIL:

DjDover321@aol.com

ADDRESS:

Sonita

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- HAS ADOT APPROVED USE OF HWY 83 / ACCESS RD?
- WHAT ASSURANCES DO YOU HAVE TO PREVENT GROUND WATER CONTAMINATION LIKE IN GREEN VALLEY?
- HOW WILL THIS MINE IMPACT OUR PRIMARY RESOURCE, TOURISM?
- WHERE WILL WATER SOURCES COME FROM
- WE NEED A REAL MEETING + IN SONOITA TO HEAR ALL OF OUR CONCERNS NOT SOME PR PRESENTATION FROM THE MINE

NAME: SUSAN SCOTT
EMAIL: SUSANSCOTT15@MSN.COM
ADDRESS: PO BOX 178
SONOITA AZ 85637

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An out-of-date project enabled by an out-of-date law, endangering all living present & future residents of this area.

I did not move to a rural area to see our water poisoned - and air, roads, etc.

It will only help the company shareholders - not any person who lives here.

PS. This meeting is just propaganda - give us something REAL

NAME: Leslie Schupp
EMAIL: lcschupp@yahoo.com
ADDRESS: PO Box 921 Patagonia AZ 85624

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In very disappointed that mining is starting up again. People will get very sick from the putrid water you will bring here. Many people in the past have been getting lupis, etc, all things that we could do without. It seems big business thinks they can run rough shod over small towns. We dont want you leveling our mountains or poisoning our water.

NAME: Rita Gay

EMAIL: B4GAY@earthlink.net

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1155 Patagonia, Az. 85604 RR.

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COMMENT:

I do not want mining on my forest service land. I am against the proposal of the Rosemont Copper Co.

my land, my water, my air and of the future generations and

We would like keep it clean, keep it natural

No mining

NAME: Cornelia O'Connor

EMAIL: connie cornelia@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: PO Box 478
Patagonia AZ 85624

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I am a resident of SONOITA, AZ

I feel the Rosemont mine project will be a HORRIBLE DETRIMENT to the environment and destroy the beauty, natural resources, and majesty of the SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS

ALREADY the night scape is BLAZENED with the bright lights on the QUIET HILLSIDE.

ANIMAL HABITAT DESTRUCTION, AIR, WATER AND NOISE POLLUTION ARE ALSO HIGH CONCERNS.

THE TRAFFIC will be significantly affected on Highway 83 which is a small 2 lane highway - already burdened with re-routing of wide load.

NAME: Connie Wickes

EMAIL: connie@wicksdesign.com

ADDRESS: PO BOX 808

SONOITA AZ 85637

Please, STOP this ROSEMONT MINE - IT IS NOT WORTH THE LOSSES for AZ.

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COMMENT:

As Mayor of Patagonia, AZ I am very concerned ~~about~~ ^{that} mining in the Santa Rita mountains will result in serious degradation of the quality of life in the town of Patagonia. The increased vehicle ~~&~~ particularly the resulting truck traffic through the town as trucks travel to the East side of the Santa Ritas will be a safety hazard and be disturbing to the community.

Heavy truck traffic is already a serious problem in town and this will only make the situation worse.

I am also concerned about potential degradation of the town water supply

Gary H. Gav

NAME: GARY H. GAV Mayor of Patagonia 3/20/08

EMAIL: patagoniamayor@qwest.net

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 767 PATAGONIA, AZ 85624

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COMMENT:

THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE HERE IS THE DEPLETION/CONTAMINATION OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE AREA.

THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES LIVING OFF OF HILLTON RANCH ROAD AND UP & DOWN STATE HWY B3 WHO HAVE INVESTED MANY YEARS OF TIME & LABOR ESTABLISHING HOMES IN THE AREA.

MOST OF US LIVE IN THE GENERAL AREA BECAUSE OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE AFFORDED US.

THIS MINE WILL RUIN THE AREA. NOISE, TRAFFIC, BLASTING, WATER DEPLETION AND CONTAMINATION OF THE GROUND WATER SUPPLIES ARE ALL REAL SCENARIOS.

WE ARE BASICALLY TALKING ABOUT RAPING THE SANTA RITAS!

NAME: GREGORY C. SHANSKY

EMAIL: gccats@azwildblue.com

ADDRESS: 15791 E. HILLTON RANCH RD VAIL, AZ 85641

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COMMENT:

I thought this was going to be an informative meeting. I'm disappointed!! I did not find this informative at all. Let me know when you plan on having an actual meeting where you let us know what's going on and accept questions + comments from the public. Does the public's opinion actually matter?

NAME: Lisa Filigenzi

EMAIL: lfiligenzi@msn.com

ADDRESS: PO Box 884
Patagonia, AZ 85624

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COMMENT: The corporation's plan is clear; Mine on private property and dump their waste on our - the public's - property I've seen Silver City, Bisbee Green Valley, Morenci & Clifton and the mountains of sterile ugly poisonous land they leave behind - JUST SAY NO!

NAME: Clint Crafton
EMAIL: swpatagonia@yahoo.com
ADDRESS: PO Box 1103 Patagonia AZ 85624

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Many of the environmental and economic reasons for opposing this mine are arguable. What is irrefutable is that my property value is about to tank. We live within audible ~~and~~ proximity to the mine and visual proximity once the dust starts to fly. So even if every environmental and economic concern never materializes (highly unlikely) I'll be trapped in a place I would have never chosen had it been next to an open pit mine of this size. I was here first. It just would get what my place was worth before anyone ever heard the words "Rosemont Copper," I'd be gone.

NAME: Mark Williams

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: PO Box 182 Sonoita AZ 85637

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COMMENT: we want a public hearing not a public relations shams. Tonight has increased my cynicism about USFS being in the pocket of corporations

NAME: [Handwritten signature]

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: PO Box 757 Sonoita AZ 85633

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COMMENT:

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NAME: SONNY MCGUISTION

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 517 HARSHAW RD PATAGONIA AZ 85624

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COMMENT:

I am very much opposed to having a mining operation in the Santa Rita Mountains.

NAME: Karen Soliere

EMAIL: solierehill@starband.net

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 383
Sonoita, AZ 85637

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Elizabeth Webb
Vail, AZ 85641

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"Injustice is a sixth sense, and rouses all the others."

Amelia E. Barr

Rosemont Copper Project EIS Initial Comments:

These are initial comments and I reserve the right to add additional comments within the stated scoping period which has now been extended.

After attending two of the "Open House" Style meetings it has come to my attention that many feel very disengaged and disenfranchised from the spirit of the NEPA. As someone who is new to the process, I was unaware that there were other styles of running these meetings.

Since speaking with Mr. Carbone, Assistant Director for National Environmental Policy Act in the Ecosystem Management Coordination branch of the Forest Service in Washington D.C. I have learned that there is no required way in which to hold scoping. He did say; however, that he has attended a variety of different scoping meetings to include a round table format, discussions and so forth.

As I have mentioned in other emails, we have a long journey ahead of us and we all want to see the best job done in a very delicate situation. I sincerely hope you will reconsider this "Open House" style format in which individuals are unable to do more than drop off comments in an unguarded box and look at vague project boards.

Additionally, while one of the areas which would feel immediate direct impacts -the Vail/Cienega Corridor is now scheduled to have a public meetings, two other communities which would also be directed impacted- Sonoita and Sahuarita still do not (to my knowledge) have meetings scheduled.

I know that the Forest Service has been made aware that Arizona State Trust Land has issued a lease for Cal Portland to mine north of the proposed Rosemont Project in the Davidson Canyon area and is negotiations for the Seel Mine in the Davidson Canyon area as well. Both Kinder Morgan (petroleum) and El Paso (natural gas) bladed a pseudo-highway wide enough to serve as the cross town freeway while installing new pipes. I have not even spoken of the aggregate clay and gravel mines north of Interstate Ten off of Marsh Station Rd. The Sahuarita area is suffering from subsidence. There are proposed mines south of the proposed Rosemont Project. This region is being and has been raped by a vast number of environmental polluters. I fear that continuing to ignore the will of the public will result in anarchy and implore you to listen to the pleas of those from communities who stand to endure the greatest direct impacts. Please change the format and add additional meetings.

On a more specific level for the meetings as they stand,

I would also like to request map boards which show the following:

1. The proposed project area with each specific land owning jurisdiction shown beneath-including those land jurisdictions needed for utility infrastructure.
2. The geology of the underlying area
3. All of the existing and proposed well types as per ADWR, including those in both the Rosemont and Augusta corporation names and the grandfathered surface water rights.
4. The names of the canyons and streams that will be affected by the dry dam structures as shown in the current map boards.

Also, as many of us leave work directly and drive an hour or more to attend these meetings it would be helpful to have some other snacks aside from sugary cookies. Our input is not frivolous and our community building is a valuable resource. I am sure you understand the value of volunteerism.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Webb
Vail/Cienega Corridor Volunteer
247-3838