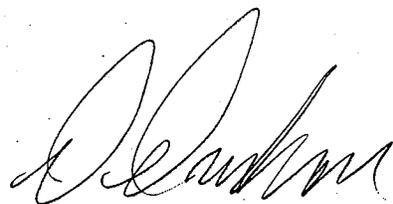


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The proposed Rosemont Copper Mine is located in a beautiful and fragile area. The whole ecosystem is dependant on the water which the mine will suck up. Without water the ecosystem and the native species in it will be exterminated.

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





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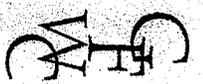
The proposed Rosemont Copper Mine is located in a beautiful and fragile area. The whole ecosystem relies on water which the mine will require. Unless the mine is able to furnish the fresh clean water it is removing from Cienega Creek in Davidson Canyon, the area will dry up and become a desert. This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

Thank You

Jimmy Durham

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Sierra, Arizona

April 1, 1998

Dear Sis:

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

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



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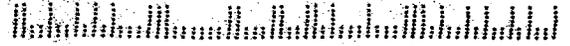
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**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
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If you would like to make a comment or be added to our mailing list, please fill out this form and hand it to any of our staff or mail it to the address provided. You are also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

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

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

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

NAME: Roger Barthelson

EMAIL: azroger@cox.net

ADDRESS: 1770 N Lone Ridge Pl.  
Tucson AZ 85745

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

Please be advised that comments and personal information associated with them, such as names and addresses, become part of the Administrative Record for this NEPA review. As such, they may be made available to a third-party upon request under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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Dr Roger Barthelsson  
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Ref.: *Emphatically NO to Rosemont Mining, Augusta Resource Corp.*

Dear Ms. Everson,

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

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

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

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

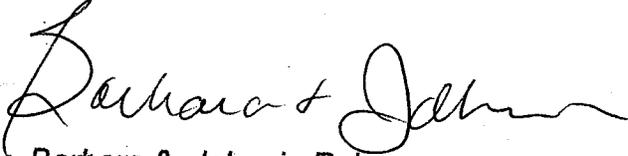
It has been estimated that the Tourist industry of Pima & Santa Cruz counties is about \$2.95 Billion/year, but we can kiss a large portion of that a fond farewell if the mines indeed begin their operations in earnest. I've said it before, but what is so "Scenic" about the kind of destruction that we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

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

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

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

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
Barbara & Johnnie Raley



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**WATER**

**WATER QUANTITY**

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

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

**WATER QUALITY**

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

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**ROAD ACCESS**

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

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

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

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**RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

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**ECONOMIC**

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

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

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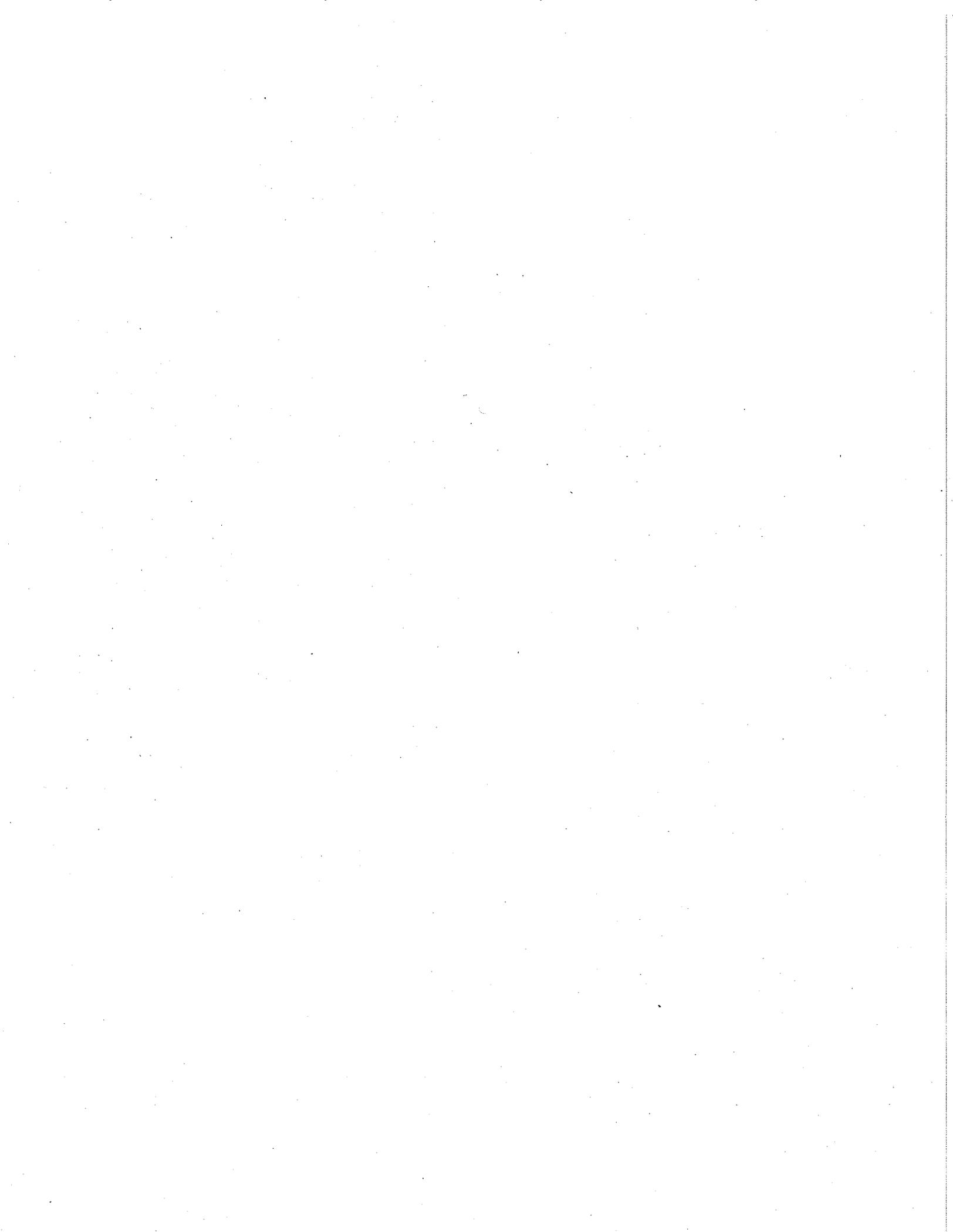
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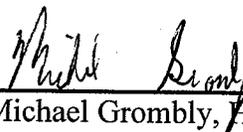
I understand that you are accepting comments in regard to proposed mining operation in the Santa Rita Mountains. We strongly oppose this operation. The Santa Ritas should be preserved for all future generations to enjoy. We have seen how the mines have scarred and polluted Arizona. We enjoy the recreation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

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

Stop the mine!

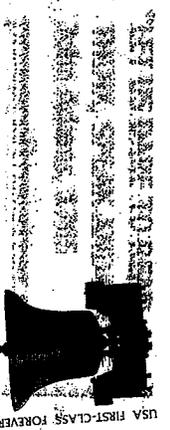
  
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Attn: Rosemont Copper Project EIS,  
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Dear Sirs:

Please remember we are running  
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MORE MINES.

Sincerely,  
Judith Ramsey

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Dear Ms. Everson or Ms. Derby,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Dean R. Rogers

dated: 03/28/08

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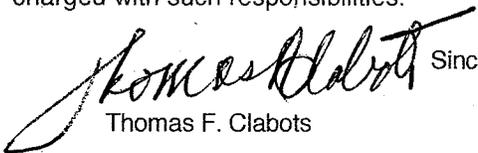
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We have been opposed to this mine project since it was first promoted. We feel that the only reason the mining company wants to proceed is that there is considerable profit to be made by the taking of the copper from the ground and selling it for a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

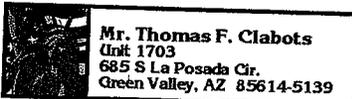
The substantial pecan farming which provides income to many workers as well as much needed shade so important in our long hot summers would be severely impacted if the water supply were depleted by the mining operation.

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

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

 Sincerely,  
Thomas F. Clabots

Mary Jane Clabots  
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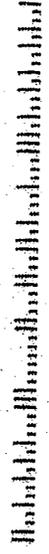
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Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

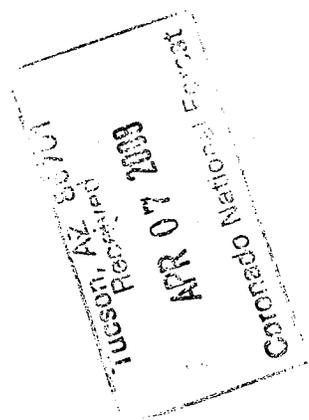


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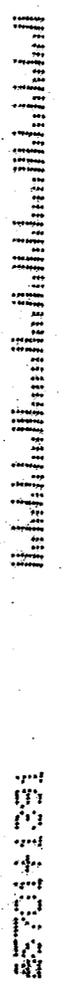
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April 3, 2008

Rosemont Copper Project, Coronado National Forest  
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Dear Coronado National Forest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **WATER:**

Although efforts are made to contain tailings piles and other sources of runoff, leaching of exposing tailings surfaces or waste dumps, and unintended leaks from other facilities are common occurrences at mine sites. This could result in the release of potentially toxic heavy metals and other chemicals into ground and surface waters draining into Tucson area water supplies, and impacting nearby riparian areas such as Davidson Canyon.

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

#### **AIR:**

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

#### **NOISE:**

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

#### **SCENIC VIEW:**

This mine will be visible from State Highway 83, a designated State Scenic Highway, for 3 miles out of the 24-mile trip from I-10 to Sonoita. The 3-mile segment includes the portion of the highway where it gains its greatest elevation above the surrounding land, at which point drivers are treated to a sweeping panoramic view of the Rosemont Valley at an overlook spot. The mine site dominates this view which currently consists of rolling hills of grasslands, dotted with oak trees and backed by a rugged ridge line.

#### **TRAFFIC:**

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

#### **PROPERTY VALUES:**

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

#### **RECREATION:**

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

#### **WILDLIFE AND WILDLIFE HABITAT:**

Intensive development of the site as an open pit mine will result in loss of a significant portion of the wildlife habitat and movement corridor on the eastern side of the Santa Ritas, potentially impacting endangered, threatened, and candidate species, in addition to priority vulnerable species or species of special concern. The Santa Ritas are recognized for the biological values and are an Important Birding Area (IBA).

In addition, the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan lists part of the area around Rosemont as part of the Biological Core.

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

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

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

#### ECONOMICS:

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

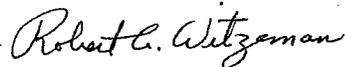
A recent study by the Sonoran Institute shows that a mine at Rosemont would have serious economic impacts to the surrounding communities. The report found:

\*"..if the proposed Rosemont mine operations displaced only one percent of travel and tourism-related spending in the region, the economic loss would be greater than the entire annual payroll of the mine," Joe Marlow, senior economist with the Sonoran Institute.

\* most of the benefits would go to the Tucson area, while most of the costs, such as decreased tourism revenue, would be borne by communities near the mine.

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

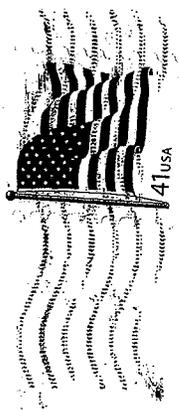
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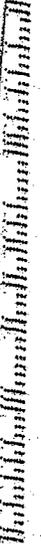
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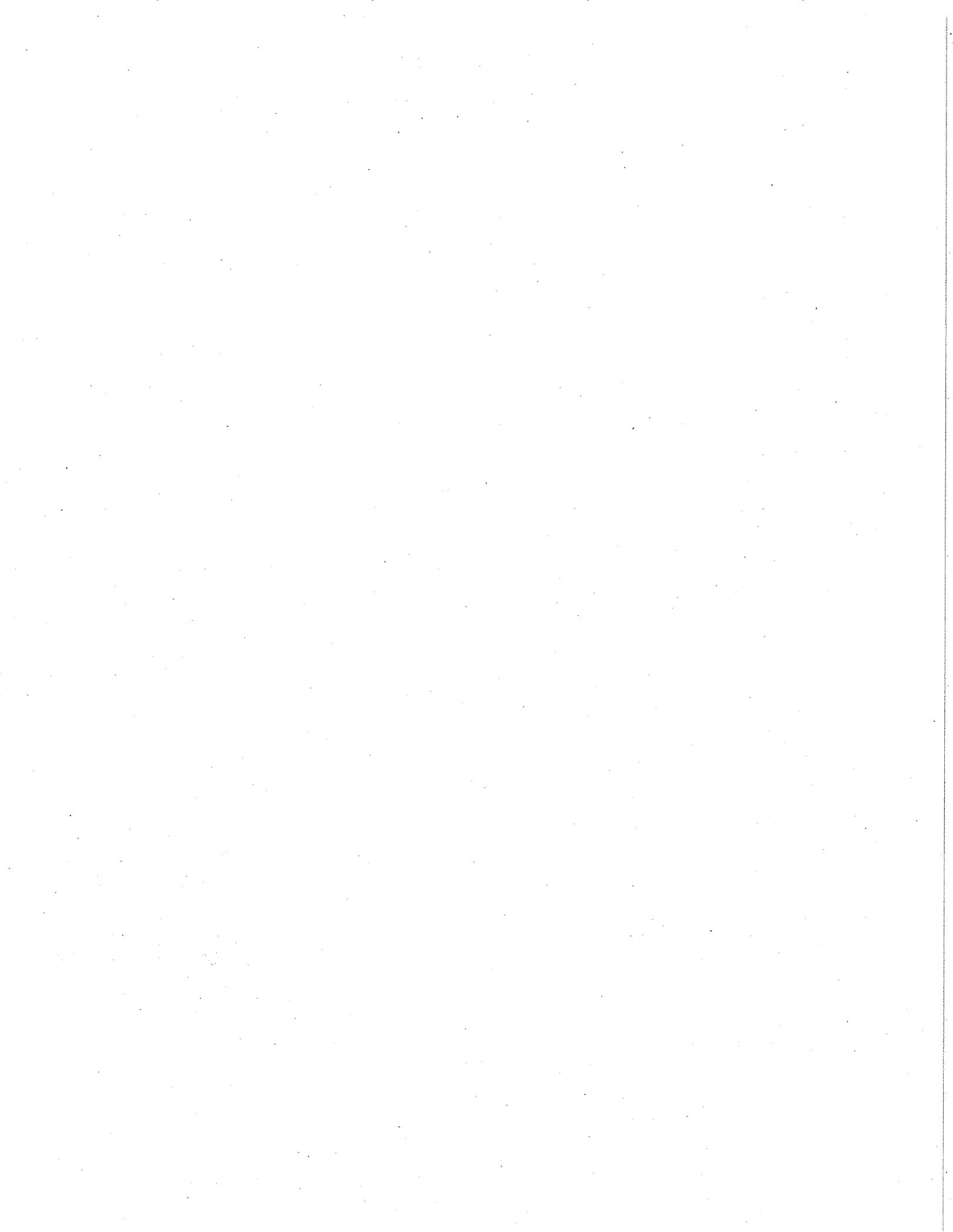
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PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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COMMENT:

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

Impact to residential/ranches in area

2) Pollution of ground water -

long term environmental impact to watershed area/Davidson Canyon

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

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

5) Restoration capability of site to original - financial

- Aesthetics

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

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

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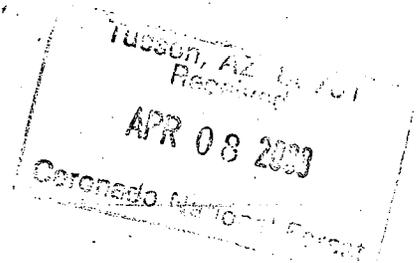
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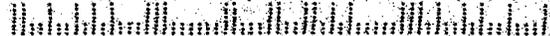
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IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT THE WATERTABLE IN THE GREEN VALLEY REGION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHING WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.

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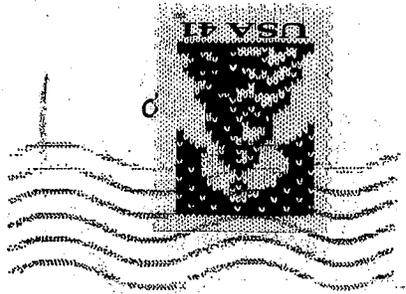
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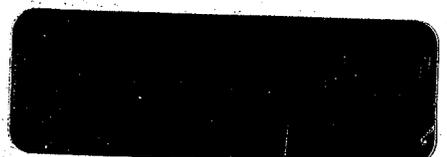
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I wonder what impact the proposed mine will have on the Arizona Trail since the trail goes right through the proposed mining area. We have spent thousands of dollars mapping and laying out this trail as an incentive for hikers to enjoy Arizona and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

NAME: Dolores Lowell

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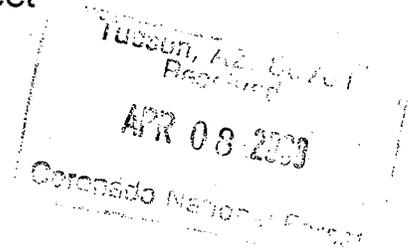
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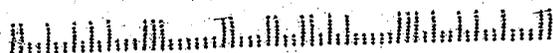


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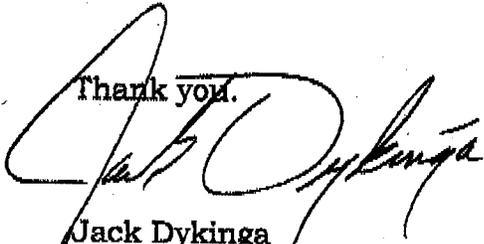
Dear People,

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

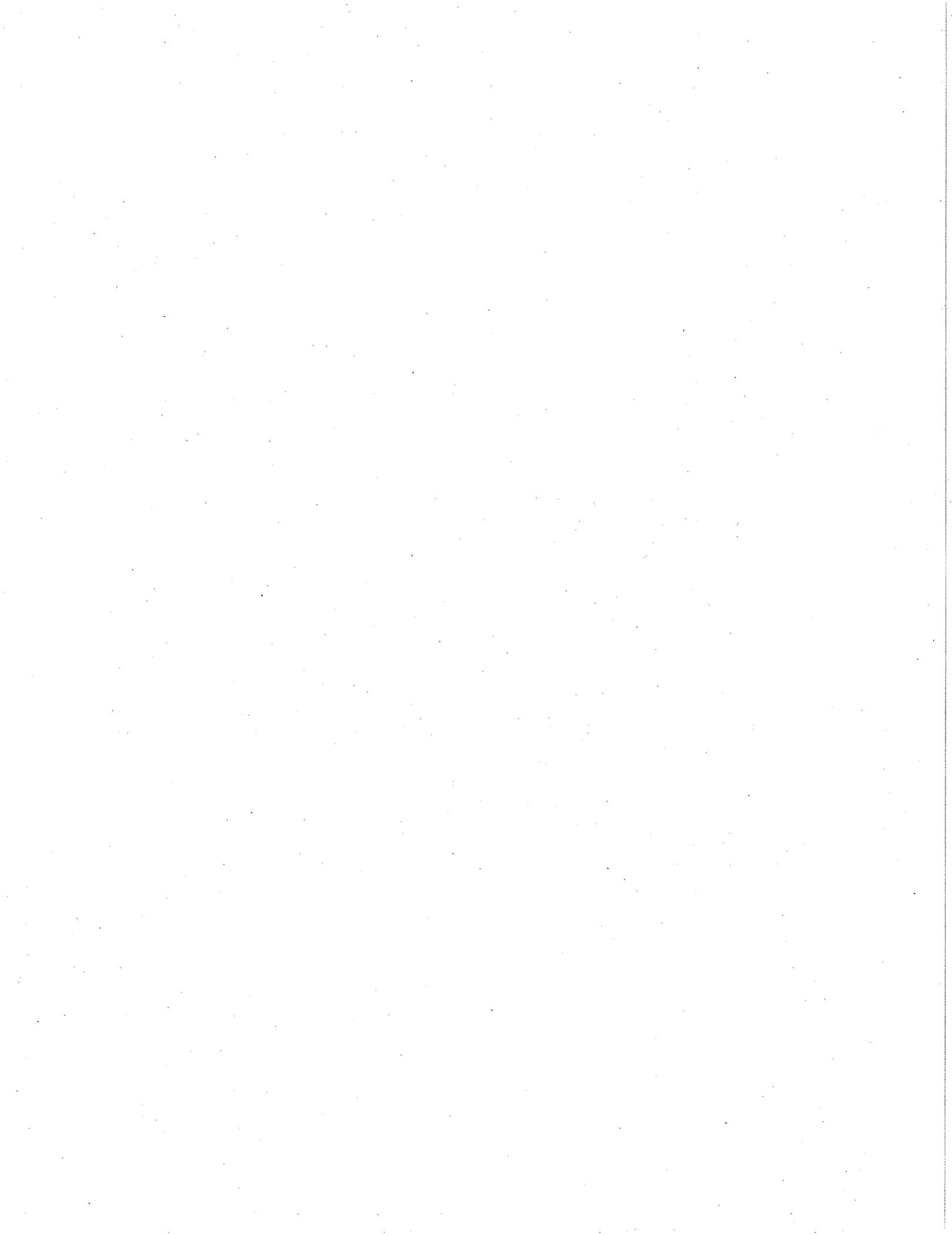
At a time when water resources are dwindling, it's an outrage to short circuit the Environmental Impact Statement process to allow mining to proceed amid bypass current standards and requirements of the forest plan.

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

Thank you.



Jack Dykinga  
Author/Photographer



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March 12, 2008

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
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Greetings,

RE: File Code 1950-1/2800

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

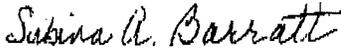
- 1)Water - The mine(s) would require far too much ground water and would seriously impact existing wells in that area.
- 2)Environment - The activities of previous (and existing) mines have demonstrated a "devil may care" attitude as to dust and waste water. Example: last summer's coating of fine white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

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

Sincerely,

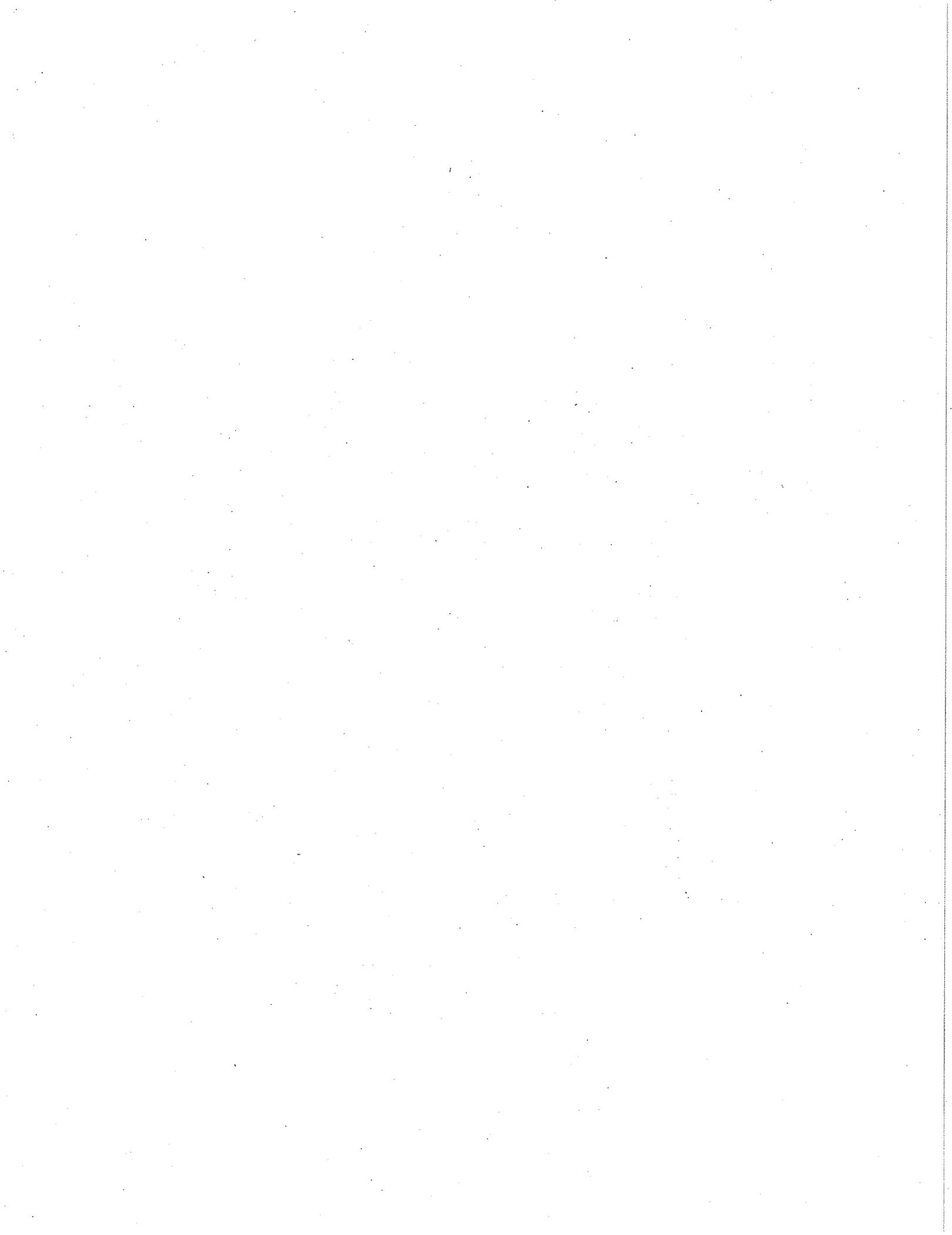


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Cc: Rep. Giffords  
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31 March 2008

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Re: Rosemont Copper Company Project in the Coronado National Forest

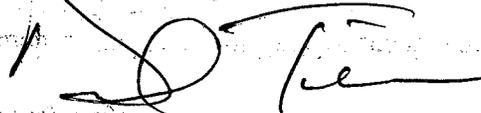
Dear Team Leader:

I write in opposition to the proposal by Rosemont Copper Company to develop an open pit mine in the Santa Rita Mountains. I am a lifelong Arizona resident and a resident of southern Arizona for the past 35 years. During this time I have hiked, mountain biked, and explored the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains on many occasions. I consider the development of the Rosemont mine to unconscionable and unacceptable in every way.

The area Rosemont Copper plans for their mine is extraordinarily scenic and the home of abundant wildlife. The views from State Highway 86 are famous and the road is designated as a scenic route in every road atlas I have encountered. Development of this mine will permanently destroy the area's scenic beauty, negatively affect the entire surrounding area, and deprive us all of an irreplaceable natural resource. The economic benefit of the mine which would accrue largely to the direct benefit of Rosemont's shareholders is far outweighed by inevitable and unavoidable environmental harm.

I urge you to oppose this development and gently warn you that this project, if it is allowed to proceed, will encounter protest and opposition of a sustained and profound nature. Put simply, a great majority of the people of southern Arizona passionately oppose this mine. It must not go forward. Thanks you for your consideration

Sincerely,



THIS IS A COPY OF A LETTER SENT TO THE TUCSON OFFICE OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ON MARCH 31, 2008. THE ORIGINAL LETTER IS FILED IN THE TUCSON OFFICE OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE TUCSON OFFICE OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 1000 EAST UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, TUCSON, ARIZONA 85705-7736. THE ORIGINAL LETTER IS FILED IN THE TUCSON OFFICE OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE TUCSON OFFICE OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 1000 EAST UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, TUCSON, ARIZONA 85705-7736.

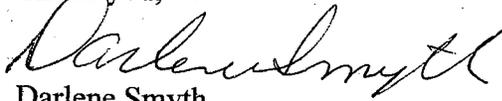


April 2, 2008

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

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

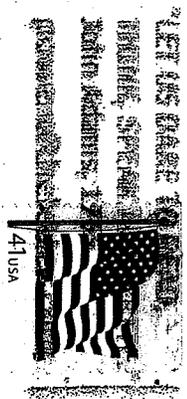
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Forest Supervisor  
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Dear Jeanine A. Derby,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

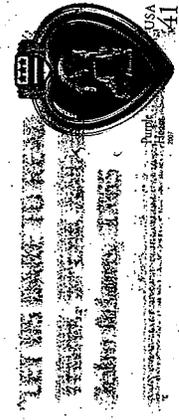
The carbon emissions of destroying a forested landscape, and those produced by mining will only worsen global warming. You have the power to help this be a "greener world". And you work for me--a U. S. taxpayer--not for a Canadian mining company.

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

We are counting on YOU,

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

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

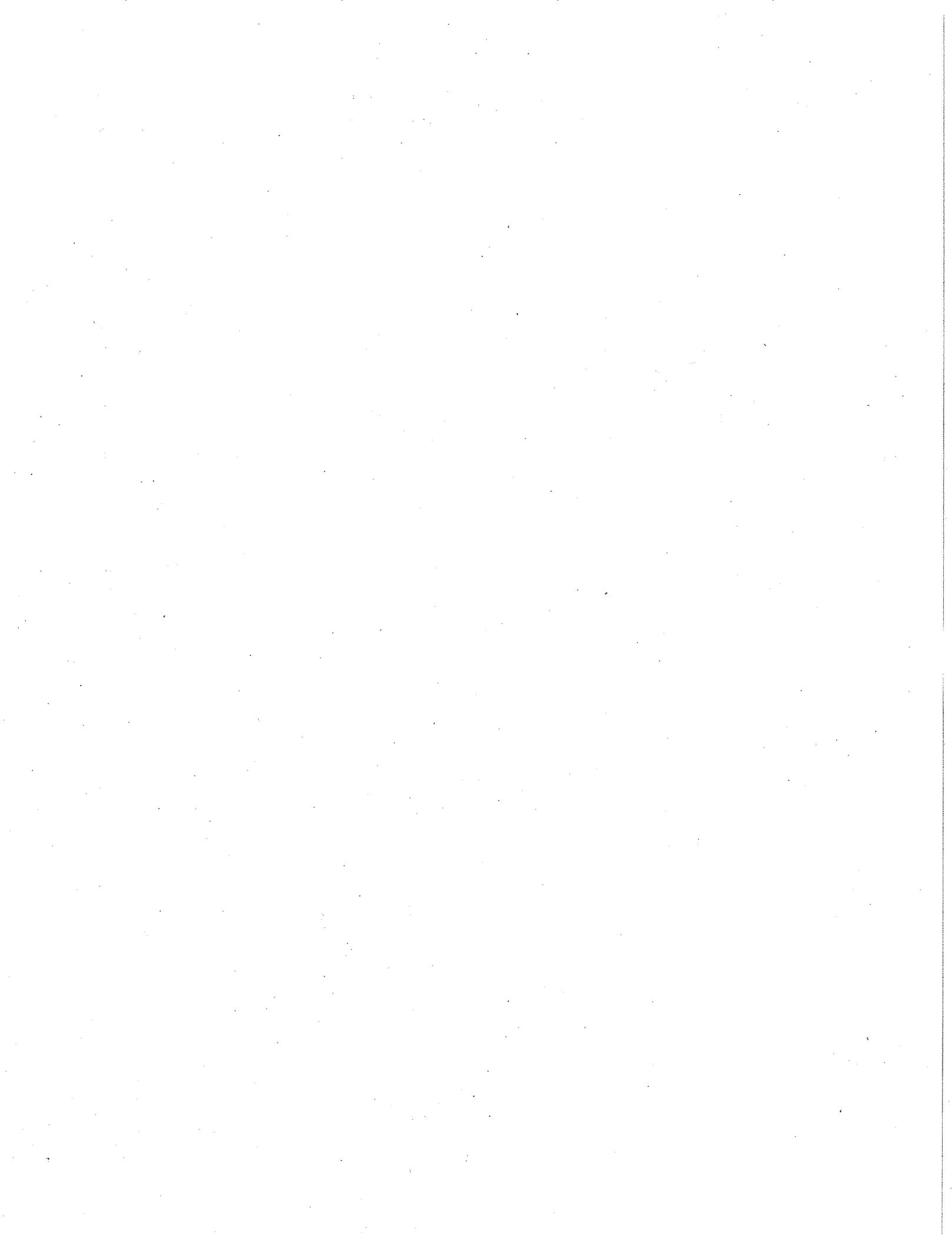


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c/o Forest Supervisor Jeanine A. Derby

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**COMMENT:**

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

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

THANK YOU FOR ADDING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS.

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TUCSON, AZ 85747

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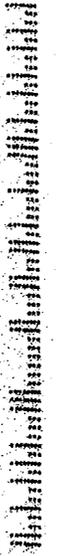


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ATTN: DEVEDLY CARRISON

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COMMENT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I. The need for a meaningful meeting now.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## II. Commencement of the NEPA process.

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

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

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

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

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

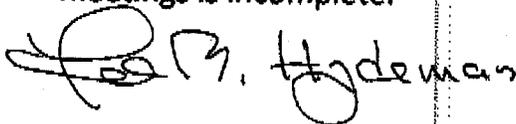
#### IV Moving Forward

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

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I would simply add the following:

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



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**CIENEGA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**  
**P. O. Box 41003, Tucson, Arizona 85717-1003**

March 30, 2008

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

Dear Gayle,

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Martie Maierhauser, Chairman  
Cienega Watershed Partnership

c.: Beverley Everson, U.S. Forest Service  
Richard Ahern, U.S. Forest Service  
Senator John Kyle  
Augusta Resource Corporation

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**CIENEGA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP**  
**P. O. Box 41003, Tucson, Arizona 85717-1003**

**RESOLUTION**

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

Approved: February 25, 2008

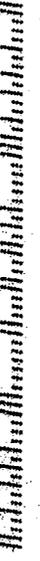
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Dear Beverley:

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

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

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

Additional comments:

No mines!

Thank You,

Shawn Jackson

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Shawn Jackson

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COMMENT:

To whom it may concern:

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

Diane Smith

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### How to Comment Effectively

To be effective, comments should be specific and factual. Remember, the purpose of this scoping is to identify significant issues related to the proposed operation, and issues to be considered in the Environmental Impact Process (EIS).

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

Below are several tips for making effective comments.

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

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

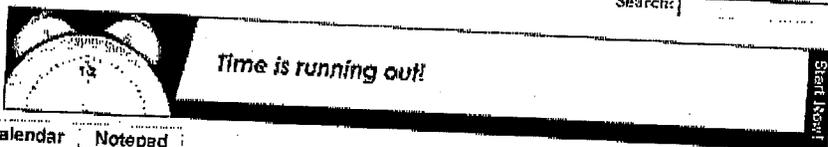
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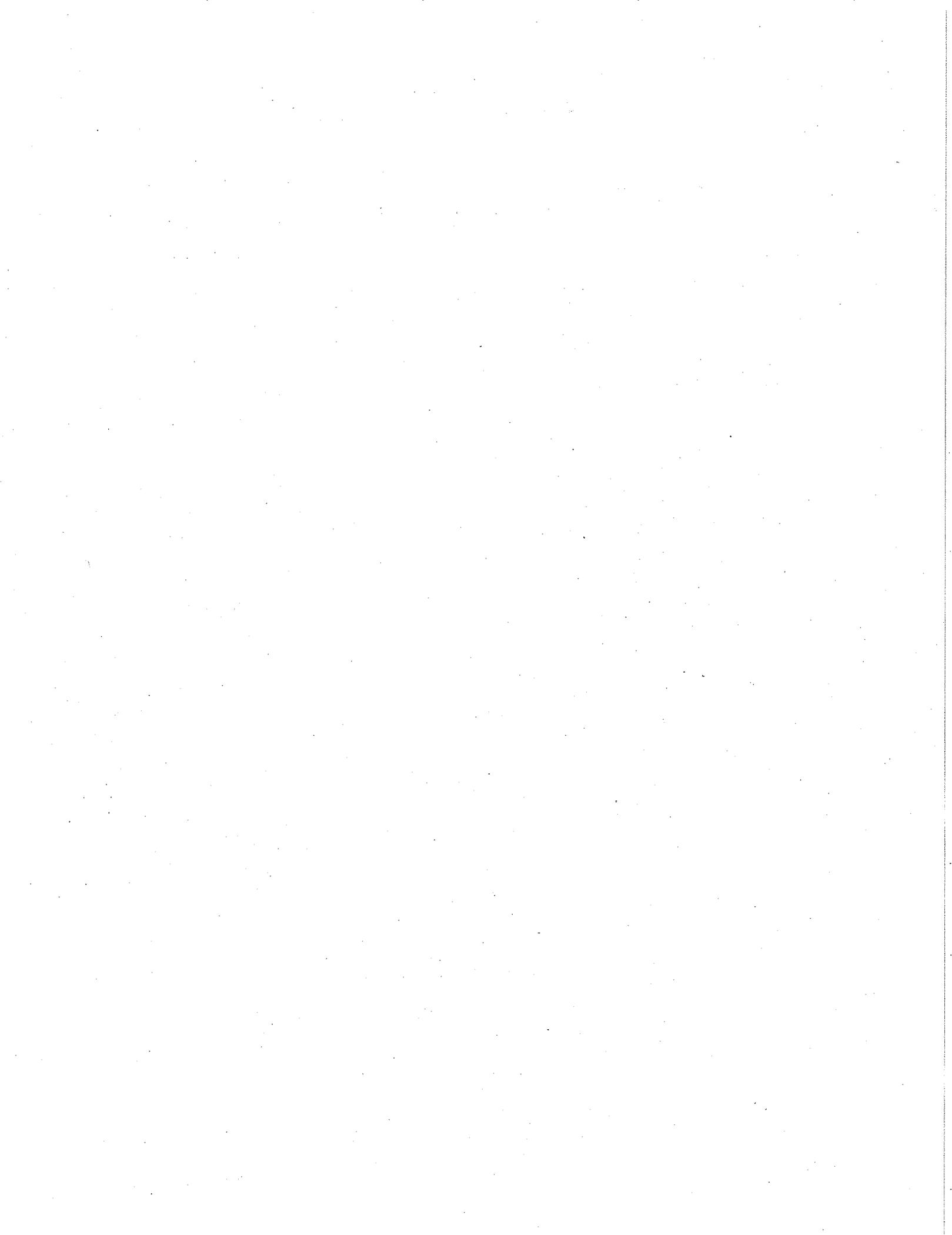
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Respectfully,

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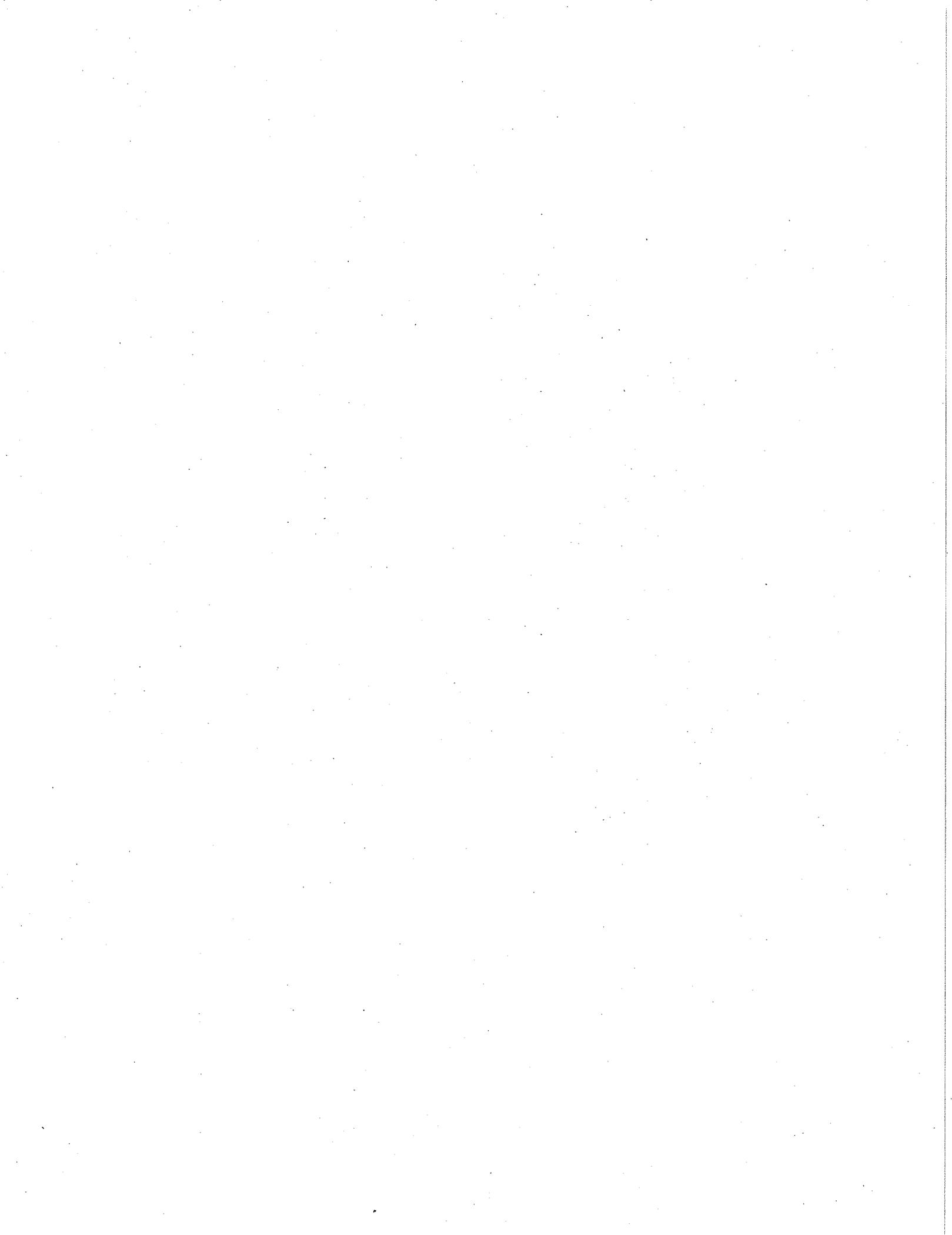
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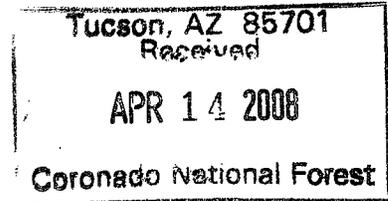




# Town of Sahuarita

## Office of the Town Manager

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April 11, 2008

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

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

Supervisor Derby:

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

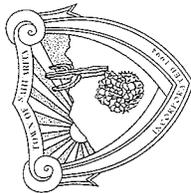
The notice was addressed to our previous P.O. Box. We contacted the offices of the Coronado National Forest to update our address, but apparently this has not taken place. However, even if the address was correct, the postmark on the envelope was April 1, 2008; barely enough time for it to be delivered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

375 W. Sahuarita Center Way  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joseph Marques  
Executive Assistant  
Office of the Sahuarita Town Manager  
(520) 822-8811



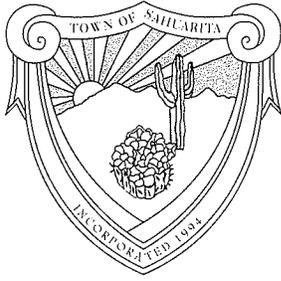
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# Town of Sahuarita

## *Town Clerk Department*

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U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Federal Bldg., 300 W. Congress FB42  
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Town of Sahuarita, Arizona change of address

The Town of Sahuarita municipal operations have moved. Please update your mailing list to reflect the following changes:

***Sahuarita Town Hall***  
***375 W. Sahuarita Center Way***  
***Sahuarita, Arizona 85629***

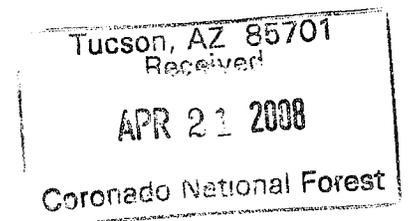
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***315 W. Sahuarita Center Way***  
***Sahuarita, Arizona 85629***

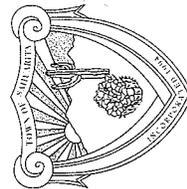
***Sahuarita Municipal Court***  
***360 West Sahuarita Center***  
***Sahuarita, Arizona 85629***

Thank you for your cooperation.

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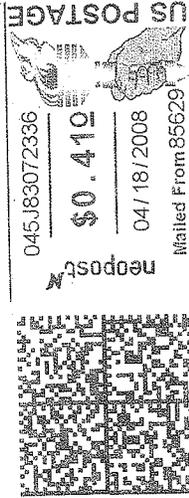
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IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT THE WATERTABLE IN THE GREEN VALLEY REGION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA IS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHING WITH EACH PASSING YEAR.

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

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

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

THEREFORE:

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

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

NAME: James R. Russell James R Russell

EMAIL: jrussell39@cox.net

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

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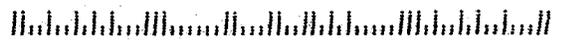
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Green Valley, AZ 85614-4806



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**Attn: Beverly Everson**

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

NAME: TAM Scott

EMAIL: bigfishscott@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: PO Box 1278 Patagonia, AZ 85624

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

NAME: Mary Dodge

EMAIL:

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

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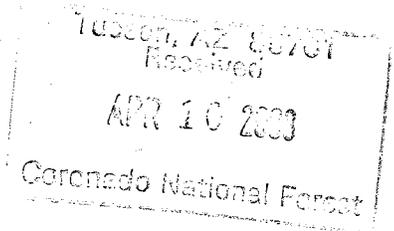
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Mary Dodge  
329 E. Paseo Verde  
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COMMENT:

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

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

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

May 10,000 camel fleas infest them!

NAME: R.A. WORTMAN, PHD

EMAIL: RICHJUNE WORTMAN @ COX.NET

ADDRESS: 81 E. SANTA CHARLES GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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**COMMENT:**

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

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

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

**NAME:** Laurie Tahija

**EMAIL:** ltahija@yahoo.com

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

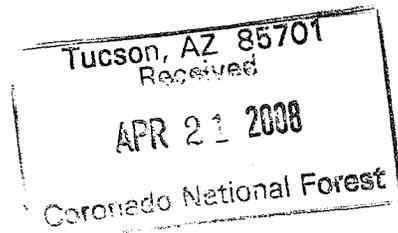
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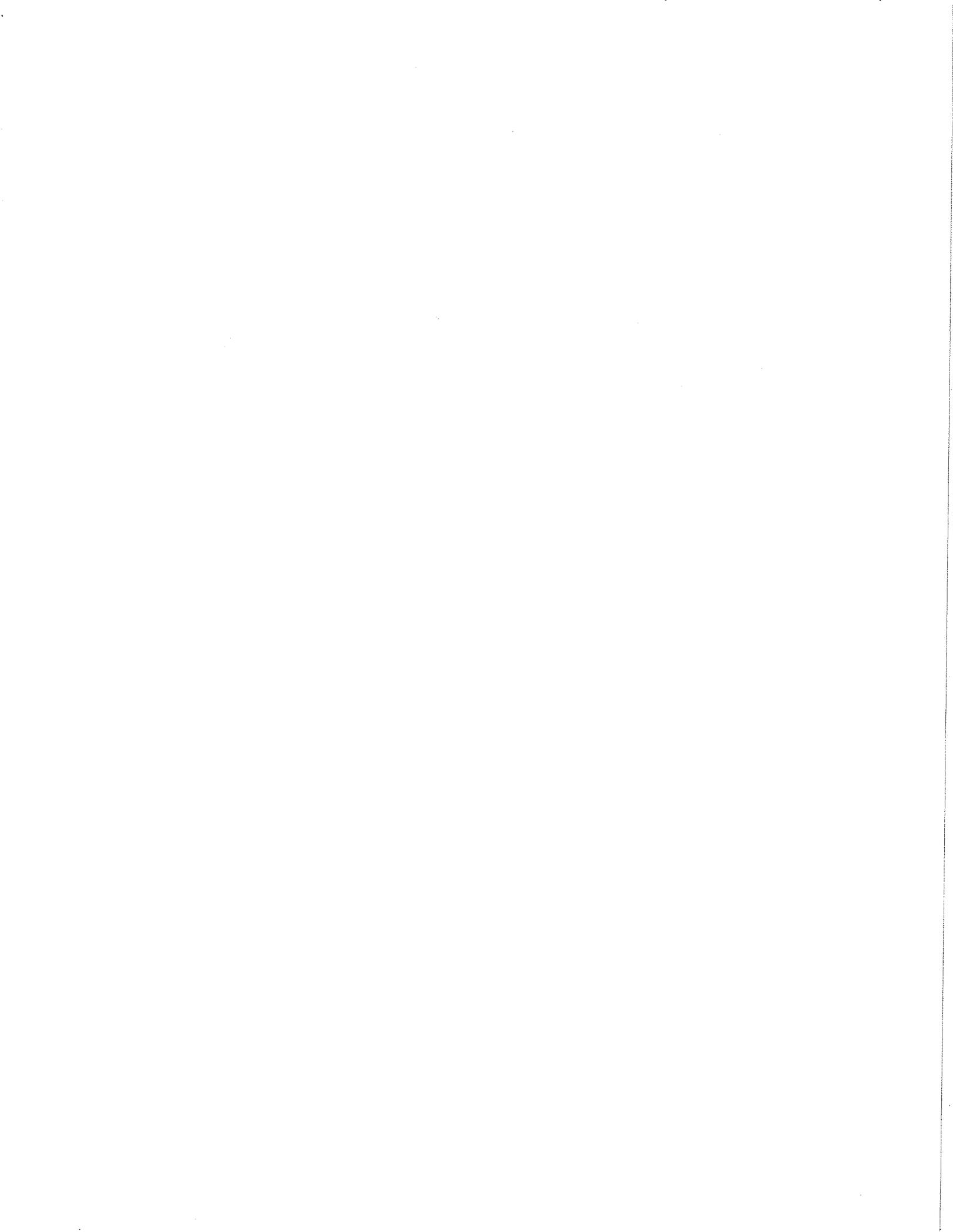
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Rosemont Copper project EIS  
Coronado National Forest  
300 W. Congress St  
Tucson, AZ 85701

Hi,

**My water is pumped from well number 55-460423. I would like to know what impact the Rosemont mine would have on my well. Can I expect the water table to be lowered? If so will my well run dry? If my well runs dry who will pay to get water to my home? What do you estimate the future groundwater table depth to be?**

**Thank you for answering these questions**

**Sincerely**

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



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COMMENT:

Tucson needs "skilled labor jobs."

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

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

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

NAME: Gail D. Holman

EMAIL: gail.holman@resource.mfg.com

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

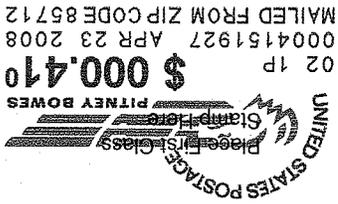
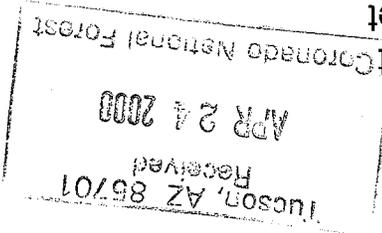
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COMMENT: How will the mine effect my well # 55594443, and if it goes dry or gets contaminated what will Augusta Mining Co do about it?

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

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

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

NAME: Jack Pennington

EMAIL:

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

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

3 mine will just add to that.

Federal land should not be desecrated with Mine tailings!

NAME: Betsy Grimes

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ADDRESS: Hc1, Box 555 Elgin AZ 85611

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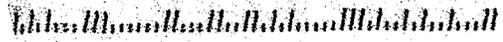


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COMMENT: My major concerns are 1) water and 2) destruction of habitat.

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

NAME: Carol Shinkle

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

ADDRESS: Green Valley, AZ

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

NAME: Mr & Mrs William M Hutchinson



EMAIL: HC 1 Box 657 Patagonia, AZ 85624-9713

ADDRESS:

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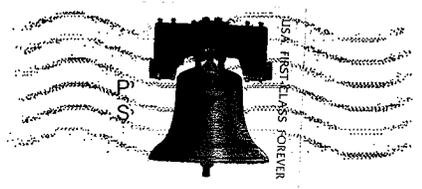
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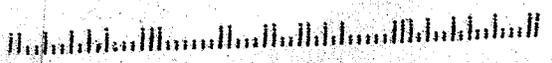


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NAME: Robert & Jean Wynn

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Green Valley, AZ 85614

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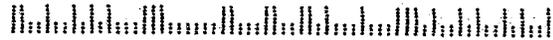


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I RECOMMEND THAT NO CURRENT ROAD/HIGHWAY SYSTEMS IN EXISTANCE BE USABLE FOR THAT ENTERPRISE, THE PROJECT WILL DEVASTATE A WATER QUALITY<sup>IN AN AREA</sup> WHICH IS OCCUPIED BY A MILLION ARIZONANS - WHAT THEN?

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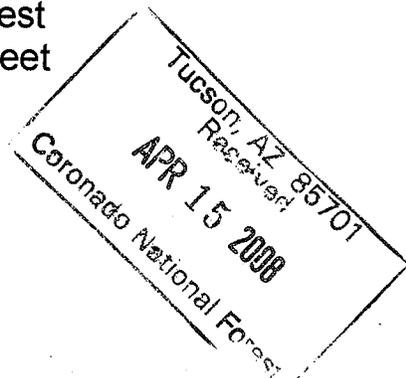
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I'm against this mining situation. I'm concerned about the ~~big holes~~, big trucks, pollution (air, water, noise). This is in no way being GREEN! Think of our beautiful scenic land. Just say no! They can go mine their own land.

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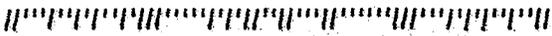
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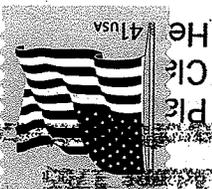
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Thank You, Roger L. Hoogerwerf

NAME: ROGER L. HOOGERWERF

EMAIL: [Redacted]

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 296 SAHUARITA, ARIZ. 85629

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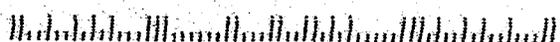
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COMMENT:

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

NAME:

Dean R. Rogers *Dean R. Rogers*

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WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ALLOW THE DEGRADATION OF THE CIENEGA WATERSHED AREA, BEFORE ANY MINE APPROVAL, A DETERMINATION MUST FIRST BE MADE ON THE EFFECTS THE MINE WILL HAVE ON NATURAL RECHARGE OF WATER INTO THE CIENEGA WATERSHED. THIS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY A NEUTRAL HYDROLOGIC EXPERT OR COMPANY NOT ON THE AUGUSTA PAYROL.

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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ADDRESS: P.O. Box 65, SONOITA, AZ 85637

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NO ALREADY ON IT!

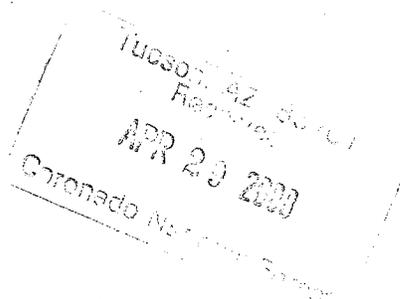
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COMMENT:

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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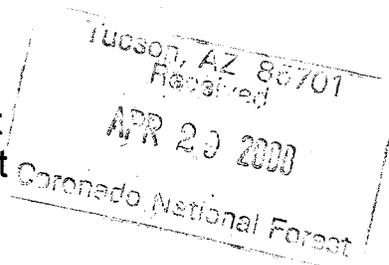
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COMMENT:

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)

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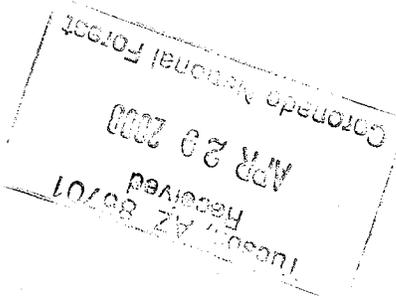
If so, the EIS must be rejected by the public, the State of AZ, and all other governmental bodies.

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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

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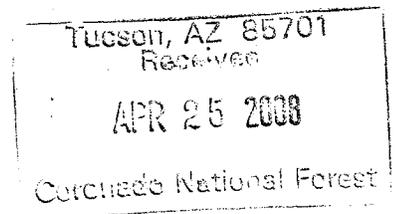
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**Joe G. Bricher**  
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I live on S. Camino del Sol<sup>just south of Continental Rd.</sup> and a lot of nights I can smell chemicals when the wind is blowing just right from the mines (Sierrita?) just 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 what the word "mountain" meant

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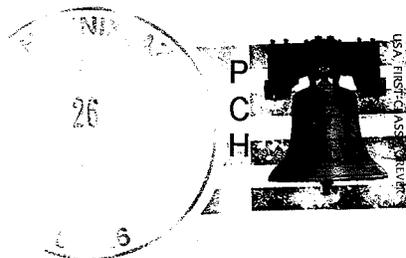
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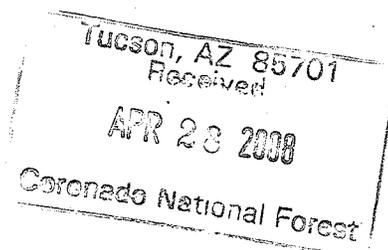
I have been on oxygen for 1 year now I had to cut down on teaching.

or what it means to have GOOD HEALTH!



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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

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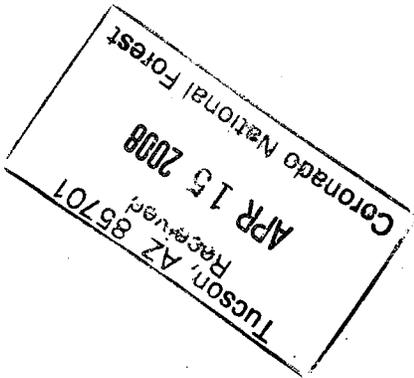
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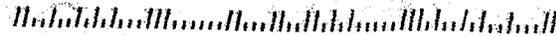
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COMMENT: The negative impact the proposed Rosemont Copper project would have on a significant naturally beautiful area of our county far outweighs any economic benefit to our county. The air, water and noise pollution alone make it unacceptable for 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

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.

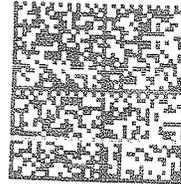
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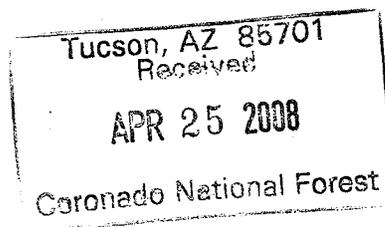


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- Be brief so the reviewer won't miss the point of your comment.
- Be specific so the reviewer clearly understands your concerns.
  - Statements such as "I am concerned about the amount of additional traffic this will cause" are useful in generating issues that can be analyzed.
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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.

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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.

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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

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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.

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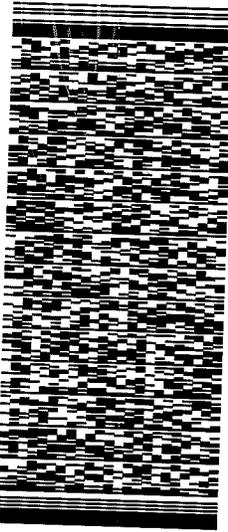
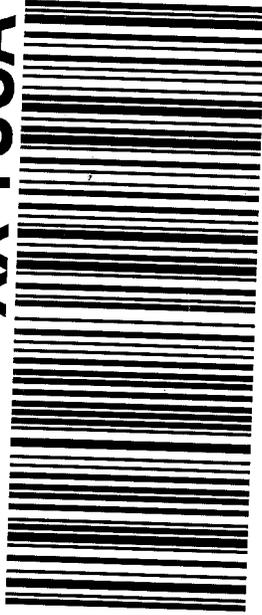
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"Save the Scenic Santa Ritas"  
Arizona Daily Star

## **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)).

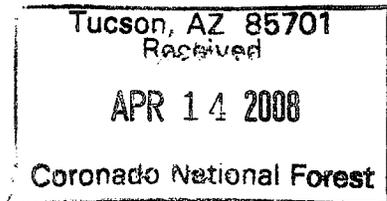
4) As human beings we have a need for contact with undisturbed nature and open space as well, both as visitors and inhabitants. Some of us, by choice, nature and illness, cannot prosper in the urban environment. Thousand of citizens live and visit this area for their recreation, health and well-being. 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

Jeanine Derby, Forest Supervisor  
Coronado National Forest  
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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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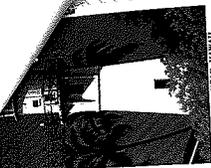
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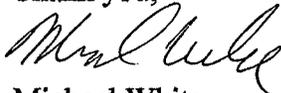
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To whom it may concern,

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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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."

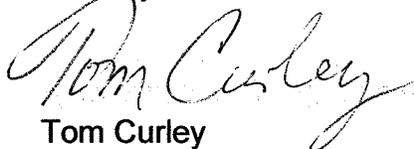
How is allowing a Canadian company to dig an open pit copper mine (the most devastating kind of rape of the land), extract copper, and sell it to China only to leave a scar on the land which will last for years in an area of natural beauty foster your goals? Not to mention the affect on the water table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

Kathleen Vasvary

Residing part-time in Tumacácori, Arizona

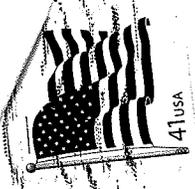
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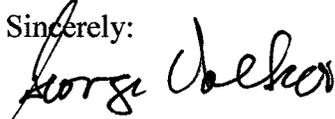
I am 100% in favor mining copper at the Rosemont Copper Project. Pima County and Arizona are highly mineralized areas. Copper is an Element that modern society can not exist without. It is important to the security of our nation that we do not become dependant upon foreign sources for our natural resources.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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE:

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

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

NAME:

*Ann Skrivanek*

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Below are several tips for making effective comments:  
 To be effective, comments should be specific to the proposal, and issues to be addressed should be spelled out clearly.  
 The format for comments is up to you to choose to be on hand-deliver to the Forest Service, or to mail to the Forest Service.  
 Be brief so the reviewer clearly understands your concerns.  
 Be specific so the reviewer clearly understands your concerns.  
 Issues that can be analyzed.  
 Statements such as "I am concerned about the public safety" or "I will not support this project" are not helpful.  
 The better you understand the proposal, the more relevant and feasible your comments will be.  
 Remember, this is the time to identify concerns and suggest alternatives.  
 Your comments must be realistic and feasible.  
 The public comment period is the beginning of the process, not the end.  
 Important input to the analysis of the social and economic impacts of the proposal.

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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!

NAME: N Hentges

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: PO Box 1482 Sahuarita, AZ 85629

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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

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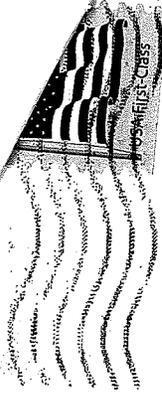
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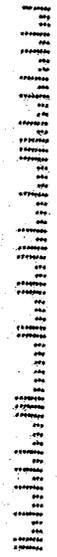
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**C. Parker Long  
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**To the decision makers at the Forest service for the Coronado National Park area.**

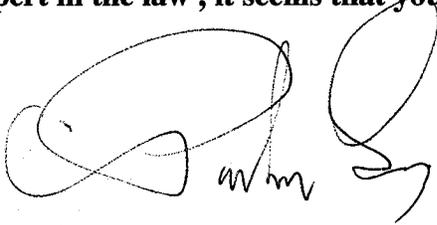
**It is no secret that many of us are opposed to the proposed Rosemont Mine in the Santa Ritas. Many for what the mine will do to the beautiful area that is there now.**

**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  
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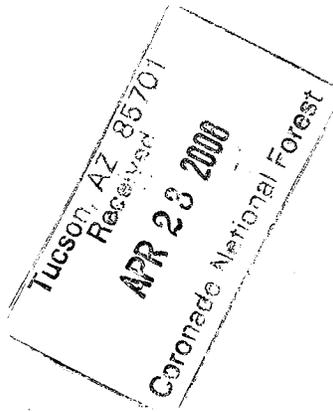
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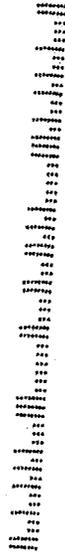
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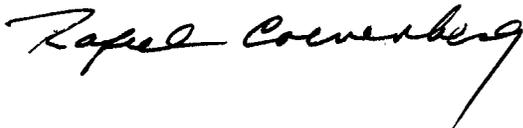
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Team Leaders of the Rosemont Mine Project

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.

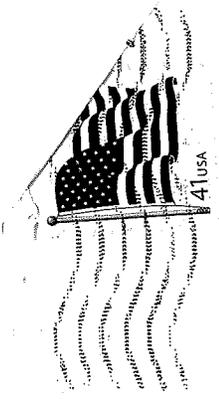
I also demand there be no revision to the Forest Plan to accommodate Augusta. The Forest Service should Not revise the Forest Plan to accommodate mining at all. If Augusta's Mining Plan of Operation (MPO) cannot meet the current standards and requirements of the Forest Plan, then the Forest Service must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

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Dear forest friends,

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Forest staff are fighting  
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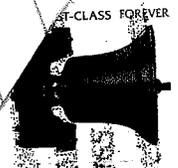
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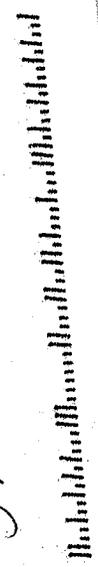


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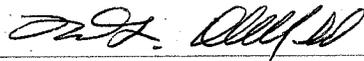
Dear Forest Supervisor Derby:

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

Retired Geologist

incl: Rosemont Mine Comments

ps - file code should be 1850-1/2810

## 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. ~~Appreciate~~ 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 fec, 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,

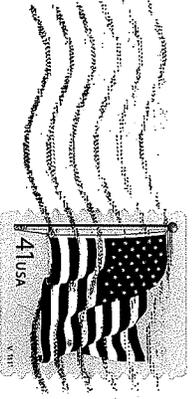
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Heidi Schewel: Rosemont TEAM Leader  
To whom it may concern.

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  
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Attn: Team Leader  
Rosemont Copper Project EIS  
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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*

*Jim 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  
Rosemont Copper Project EIS  
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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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Kim Gill  
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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,  
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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.

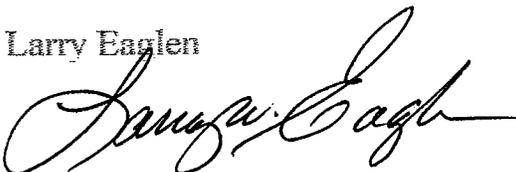
My questions for you are;

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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**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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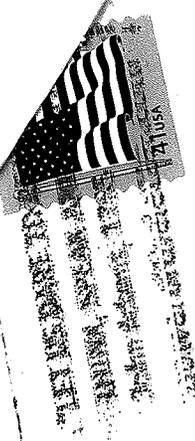
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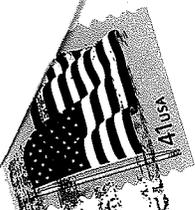
Hi,

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.**

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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!

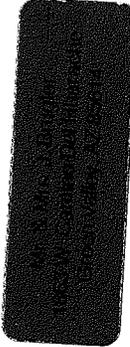
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— We are against any company mining especially a Canadian company mining in the Santa Rita Mountains. The list of problems from the dump waste to depleting our water could never be justified for now or future generations. I can not believe that the 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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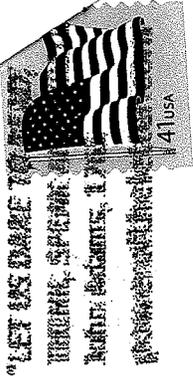
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To Whom It May Concern,

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



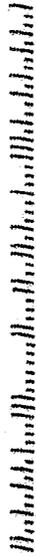
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April 27, 2008

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.



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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:

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Please be advised that comments and personal information associated with them, such as names and addresses, become part of the Administrative Record for this NEPA review. As such, they may be made available to a third-party upon request under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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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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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

roads and power lines have? What are the current bat populations? How many reptiles will be lost to road kill? How will whitetail and mule deer populations be affected by loss of habitat and movement corridors? Will the seismic activity harm bat populations? Augusta cannot reclaim this fragile environment with a weed covered berm and toxins leaking into Davidson Canyon.

3] How does this project impact the astronomy work performed by numerous universities on Mt. Hopkins? How will the light, dust, and daily explosions affect their future? Will those high-paying, high-tech jobs of tomorrow be lost? Augusta talks about job creation and economic benefits of this project, but what about the negative affect on the Rosemont Valley that is heavily used by birders, mountain bikers, hikers, campers, hunters, horse-back riders, and tourists? How will the jobs associated with these activities be replaced? Will the "open spaces" the tourist's view from the Designated Scenic Highway 83 overlook be an open pit mine? How does the light and dust pollution created by this mine fit into the Dark Skies initiatives that the local communities are supporting?

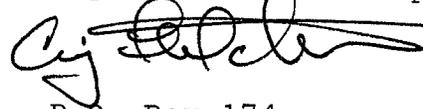
4] Where is all the infrastructure for this project? What will the environmental impact of the pipeline, pumping stations, and it's roadways be? What about the large power lines leading into the mine with it's accompanying roads? How much forest will will be lost for the roadways this project will require? How safe will they be for wildlife? Hwy. 83 is not equipped to handle explosives, hazardous materials, large equipment, and constant truck traffic. It will need to be made into a four lane highway, with what impact to wildlife movement and mortality rates? Where is the railrod spur? How much ore will be moved by truck daily?

5]How will this project guarantee our air quality? I live in Sonoita, and when I travel to the Sahuarita-Green Valley area, I notice the difference in air quality, due largely to the proximity to the mines.

6]Augusta needs to be more forthcoming with what is the true scope of this project. Augusta continues to acquire property, and explore for minerals in proximity to it's intended mining area. Will this project become a mining complex, with several pits, and possibly underground mining? Is this just a foot in the door for a much larger undertaking? How can an accurate EIS be formed without knowing the full extent of Augusta Resources' intentions? Can we trust Augusta's numbers on the economic viability of this project? Is Augusta's use of the mining claims as a dump site, not as a resource, legitimate use of forest lands? In 20 years this mine may be gone, but the ways it will have changed the Santa Rita Mts and surrounding area will not. To bury our U.S. Forest Lands under rubble, spoil our air, water, and wild-life habitat so that a foreign mining company might show a profit is NOT what I call "highest use".

Take your time, Forest Service. You have a lot of questions to answer. That copper has been in the ground for a long time. It will still be there tomorrow. Act in haste today, and a lot of other valuable things won't be.

An Ex-Magma Mine Chute-Tapper,



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April 16, 2008

Ms Jeanine Derby, Supervisor  
USDA Coronado Nat'l Forest

Dear Ms Derby & Beverly Everson:

I have been a homeowner and hiker in Ariz for 26 years. I am very worried about our dwindling water supply. We need both federal & state legislation to limit water use by mines & agriculture in Arizona! In the meantime the citizens & Forest Service must do all we can to keep the Grand Canyon & Santa Ritas for recreation only.

My husband and I are against any new mining (Rosemount) that would further deplete the aquifer. Also, any mine water replaced is full of chemicals & not fit to drink. In the area where Rosemount has dug its wells, the water table is lowering so that neighbors must dig deeper at big expense that they cannot afford.

As retirees, a large part of our net worth is in our home which could be ruined by subsidence, already happening in Green Valley.

Sincerely,  
Mardelle B. Ulman  
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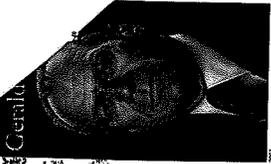


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Attention: Supervisor

Re: Rosemont Mining application

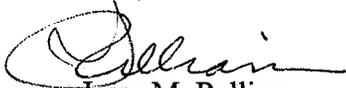
I oppose the application to mine copper in the Santa Rita Mountains.

In the book Cadillac Desert (The American West and its Disappearing Water) by Marc Reisner, the writer claims that the Tucson area has an 80-year supply of water remaining. The book is well researched and extensively footnoted and is a text that has been used in university classes. It was published in 1986. One might assume that in the 22 years since publication Tucson might have 58 years of water remaining. That would be true had the Tucson area's population and water usage remained static. The fact is that the Tucson region has gained considerable population and industry since 1986. A logical assumption would be that we have far less than 58 years of water left.

Rosemont claims that they have stored much of the water they project using. The replacement was into the Tucson basin with no mention of Sahuarita/Green Valley water replacement. They also say they will continue to replace the water they use with CAP water. Several weeks ago I questioned Mr. Jamie Sturgess, Vice President of Rosemont, about the diminishing flow in the Colorado River pointing out the drastically reduced levels in Lakes Meade and Powell. I questioned whether they could expect CAP to deliver the needed water. He promised to refer this question to his hydrologists who would get back to me. To this date my question has not been answered.

We cannot afford to allow Rosemont to pump our ground water for their benefit. During the past 25 years the price of copper has dropped to under \$1 a pound. The Anamax Mine near Green Valley closed when the price got that low. Can Rosemont promise they can sustain operations should the price hit a similar low?

We know about the pollution of Green Valley's groundwater from existing mining operations. Rosemont cannot explain how replacing our potable ground water with highly corrosive CAP water will benefit us. Tucson has spent millions to make CAP water acceptable to their customers. Who will pay to clean up our groundwater?



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TO: CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST  
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SIR/MADAM,

PLEASE RECORD MY OPPOSITION TO ROSEMONT  
MINING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROVEN REASONS:

1 WATER POLLUTION -

LEAK PONDS LEAK & OVERFLOW FROM RAIN  
POLLUTING GROUND WATER RAIN ON CRUSHED  
ROCK CAUSES WATER POLLUTION.

2 HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS - CYANIDE, SULFURIC ACID,  
HEAVY METALS, URANIUM, LOOK AT GROUND WATER  
REPORTS FROM OTHER OPEN PITS IN AZ.

3 RUIN SCENERY & HABITAT (LOOK AT CANANBA  
& GREAT VALLEY, MISSION MINE ETC ON GOOGLE EARTH)  
TOXIC DUST, ECONOMICS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR JOB TO PROTECT  
THE FOREST.

4 AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER IS GUARANTEED.

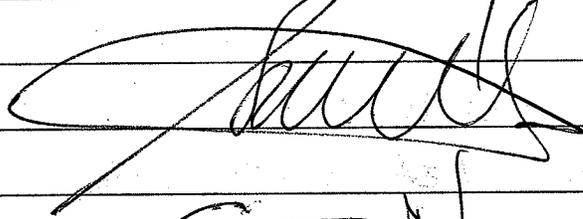
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TAILINGS & MINING, IT IS YOUR JOB TO PROTECT  
IT, US, & THE HABITAT; ANIMALS NOT MINING  
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6 - THERE WILL BE NEW ROADS, NEW GIANT  
WATER PIPES & ELECTRIC LINES, TOXIC DUST,  
AND PROBABLY RAILROAD TRACKS IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE. PLS DO NOT REPORT  
GREEN VALLEY, MISSION MINE, BISBEE, ETC. EVERY  
OPEN PIT IN AZ HAS POLLUTED. EVERY  
ONE.

PLEASE PROTECT OUR NATIONAL FOREST  
AS YOU WERE CHARGED TO DO.

RESPECTFULLY



SCOTT MOSEWORTH

SAY NO  
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April 14, 2008

Rosemont Copper Project EIS  
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Gentlemen:

I support the mining of the Rosemont Copper Deposit. Copper has been and is essential to the economy of our nation as well as the world. For Example, I seriously doubt that Green Valley or Saharita could have developed as they are today with out copper products. Note that the major producers are mines in (1) the Andes Mountains of South America and (2) in and adjacent to Arizona.

I strongly feel that the Rosemont Copper Deposit should be mined , and that the environmental concerns are secondary.

Sincerely,  
*Laurence H. Beal*  
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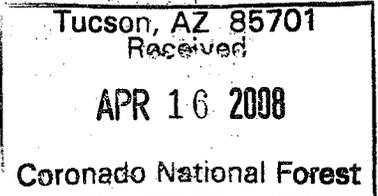


# Board of Supervisors Santa Cruz County

April 14, 2008

JOHN MAYNARD  
SUPERVISOR, District 3

Ms. Jeanine Derby  
Forest Supervisor  
Coronado National Forest  
300 W. Congress  
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RE: Rosemont Copper Project EIS

Dear Ms. Derby:

I am writing you regarding the proposed Rosemont Copper project to voice my concerns about negative impacts I believe the citizens of Southeastern Arizona will face if this project is approved for development. As you are well aware, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last year to support the Pima County Board of Supervisor's Resolution 2007-15, opposing the proposed Rosemont Mine. Although the mine itself is not situated within our area of jurisdiction, we nevertheless share Pima County's concerns for the potential environmental and economic impacts this project will have upon both of our counties.

As the County Supervisor representing the district in Santa Cruz County most likely to be impacted by this proposal, I have grave concerns regarding the potentially negative impacts upon water quality and quantity. I am aware of plans to utilize CAP water to supplement the operational needs of this project; however, that is CAP water that could be used by both of our counties to support existing residents. Mining in Arizona has a legacy of not protecting groundwater. Although there are currently operations in our region following federal regulations related to environmental protection, the record of past projects have made many of us skeptical, at best, of what may lie ahead of us if this operation were to come to fruition. Groundwater contamination, once it occurs, takes many years to clean up.

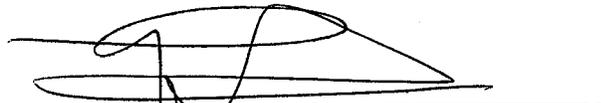
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The area of Santa Cruz County most likely to realize the impacts of this proposed project will be the Sonoita Valley. This part of our county relies heavily upon tourism as an economic stimulant. A mining operation will not help tourism in our county and that will have a negative impact upon the valley's residents who depend upon it to support their families. This is a negative socio-economic impact that could occur in Pima County as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Rosemont Copper Project. I do appreciate the job you and your staff are doing with one of our nations greatest resources: our National Forests. Please remember, they were set aside by our fore fathers for the use and enjoyment of our nation's citizens and they are the constituents we are both accountable to, for the decisions we make everyday, as public servants.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

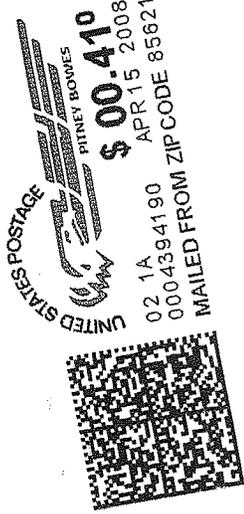
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Maynard", written over a horizontal line.

John Maynard  
Supervisor  
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**YOUR COMMENTS ARE IMPORTANT!**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
FOR THE  
PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

If you would like to make a comment or be added to our mailing list, please fill out this form and 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.** Thank you!

**COMMENT:** I strongly ask you to do what ever possible to keep another mine company from raping our country side !

**Just look at what past mining outfits have done to our environment !**

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MY WIFE & I DO NOT WANT

THIS MINE IN OUR AREA!

OLD MINING LAWS MUST BE

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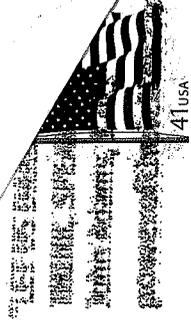
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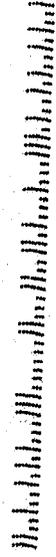
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Ms. Beverley Everson  
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Dear Ms. Everson:

Thank you for returning my phone call of April 10, 2008 and informing me of the status of the proposed reading for the Rosemont Copper Mine Project. This letter is a follow-up to the call.

I am a resident of the area, and I have determined that without mitigating measures built into this project which currently do not exist, I will be personally impacted and suffer personal as well economic damages, and so will all other residents of this area. The Rosemont Copper Mine project has the strong potential to turn the air quality of the region into CANCER ALLEY. The geochemistry of the mines in Pima County have documented trace amounts (that is, not economically desirable to extract but which will be environmentally released by mining processes and operations) at levels known to have adverse health effects of nickel, beryllium, cadmium, and arsenic, which are established airborne human carcinogens both under EPA rules, as well as analyses by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Copper mines spew arsenic onto the landscape, and such evidence shows up in several areas of Pima County. I have not been able to determine from currently available public documents any indications or provisions that this problem has even been mentioned, no less discussed.

The letter is in two parts. The first part is to assure myself that I understand the things we discussed about the reading room, various documents related to the Rosemont Copper Mine Project, the nature of contract for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the project by SWCA and the role that the Forest Service plays in that contract through its Memorandum of Understanding with the Augusta Mine Corporation, and selected aspects of the public commentary period and upcoming "forums" and "public hearings."

The second part of this letter provides specific comments on some of the items we discussed on the phone, notably major deficiencies I see in the staffing of the team which will assemble the information and provide the analyses in the Environmental Impact Statement. I have tried to provide specific rationales for each of the comments. My motivation for this is that I am a resident of the area, and have determined based on my professional experience that I could be personally adversely impacted including injury, both economically as well as physically, by the proposed mine project unless certain mitigating measures are taken. In such cases, building into the activity the need for such measures, and providing information on those components that contribute to this effort, is a better plan than trying to correct mistakes after the fact.

In addition, I indicated that I would provide a CD-rom of power point presentation I made in Grand Forks, ND on the Red River of the North, to give a limited idea of my and interests. I have also included on that CD-rom a curriculum vita to give you an idea of my credentials.

#### Part I:

1. The Reading Room and Its Documents: You have indicated that delays in establishing the reading rooms at the Forest Service Tucson Office and the Ranger Office in Nogales stem mainly from having an inadequate number of copies available of all of the documents to be placed in the reading rooms. You have further indicated that it was your hope that the reading rooms would be operational by the week of April 14, 2008, and to contact you at that time for the latest status. I shall do that.

You have also indicated that the specific documents listed in my email to you, namely the consultant reports from Vector LLC, and Tetra Tech, etc. will be placed in the reading rooms, but if I wish specific copies, I will need to submit a FOIA application. I intend mainly to read the documents and take notes, but I need to know if copying of specific pages of these documents deposited in the room would also require a FOIA application. I do not need to build more bookcases for my technical library, nor increase the number of file cabinets in my office, at this stage of my life.

2. I was somewhat disappointed to learn from "blogger website" that the contract to SWCA was being funded by the proponents of the contract. My past experiences with the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for projects requiring a federal permit and on federal land were usually sponsored by written by the federal agency. You confirmed this arrangement, which basically places that contract out of the public purview, and raises in my mind serious questions about the transparency and openness of government processes. The Forest Service already has received considerable bad publicity about its handling of all public actions on the project, and that does not bode well for citizen oversight or for that matter for Congressional oversight of the Forest Service.

3. I have read the Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as MOU) between Forest Service and the Rosemont Copper Company. The MOU is a rather complex document. In this item of my letter, I specifically refer to item 15 of Section E, which details actions that the Rosemont Copper Company must accomplish, and states: "At No Time, direct the Prime Consultant in matters related to the NEPA review and or EIS/analyses and preparation." This is immediately followed by Item 1 in Section F, which indicates mutually agreed upon and understood accomplishments, and states: "The Prime Consultant will be under the supervision of the Forest Service, and the Forest Service will make the final determination concerning the scope and contents of the Consultant's work. The contract between the Proponent and the Prime Consultant will specify compliance with all legal requirements." I next refer to Attachment I, item III on "Consultation Staff Requirements." Together, these three items give the Forest Service the authority to require that those who work on EIS have met certain levels of credential and accomplishment.

4. With regard to public forums, public hearings, and public comments, you indicated that the formal commentary period prior to NEPA work has been extended to June 19, 2008. At the same time, the nature of the NEPA process will entail discussions back and forth among the Forest Service, SWCA and Rosemont Copper Company. As these discussions progress, there will be opportunities for public inputs on various issues. That needs a formal public announcement.

## Part II

This part of the letter includes comments on specific documents as well as aspects of the MOU with respect to staffing to produce an Environmental Impact Statement.

1. My first concerns are the appointments of the Consultant Team in the MOU. I have referenced the classical handbook, Federal Handbook X-118 which is used to evaluate positions in the federal service to see what some of the experience and educational requirements are for selected positions at selected levels. It is my understanding from our discussions that the Forest Service, in evaluating these credentials and experience, may undertake reference checks, background checks, and interview directly possible candidates.

**I want copies of the credentials of those persons who were appointed to produce the EIS, suitably redacted to avoid any compromising personal information (specially redacted for dates of birth, SSN, and contacts for personal and professional references to protect under privacy regulations), but assuring that the following information is present without redactions: names, educational background, experience, publications, memberships in professional learned societies, and licensures.** Once these people are appointed, their credentials become public information, and their curricula vitae are public documents. Consider this an FOIA request for that information.

2. The listing of consultant staff qualifications includes fourteen specific specialties. The first position listed is the Team Leader, who is to have ten years minimum experience in that capacity could be equivalent to anything from GS 13 to Senior Executive Service, depending on education and other factors associated with the experience. I think the level should be specified.

**The preparation of EIS materials is considered among many in environmental circles as the lowest level of consulting services, and the GS-13 is probably what you will get. However, to give greater assurance of a quality product, amaze me and appoint someone who could clearly be a GS-15, using as a guide line the credentials of senior research and supervisory people at USGS or NIH.**

I met the incumbent to this position at one of the public forums that the Forest Service held. I was not impressed with him or his associate. The Team Leader tended to pander to my comments, and his associate basically denigrated them. They played a bad act of "good cop/bad cop." The combination of false charm and controlled irritation in the two bodes poorly for my future examination of their efforts.

2. Of the thirteen other listed specialties, I find the following deficiencies:

(a) a GS-12 geologist with at least 10 years of experience emphasizing hard rock geology is not sufficient. You have also asked for a GS-12 equivalent hydrogeologist who specializes in remediation hydrogeology. If this specialist is to consider geological integrity of the groundwater source because of possible problems of subsidence, karst formation, and related factors, then that is fine and necessary. However, if the hydrogeologist is looking mainly at other concerns, you need to indicate these other concerns.

(b) a GS-12 geochemist with at least 10 years of experience emphasizing mining, mineral exploration and extraction, is not sufficient. A second geochemist is necessary at a comparable level who specializes in the geochemistry of groundwater. Outside of the USGS, such geochemists are rare. I worked many years in Canada, and the Canadians made dreadful mistakes when they decided that ground geochemists were an expendable specialty. The two greatest groundwater geochemists in North America, Alan Freeze and John Cherry had to relocate and begin again.

(c) A GS-12 biologist, either terrestrial or aquatic, with at least five years experience in wildlife biology. What kind of experience? Some wildlife biologists are basically game managers, others do research on migratory patterns and habitat issues, and some do other things. A person with wildlife experience who has both aquatic and terrestrial capabilities is hard to find. Biologists tend to be either terrestrial or aquatic, unless they are ornithologists, and most aquatic biologists seem to be fisheries types. I am not sure what aquatic wildlife of mammalian nature reside in the area, although the

Sonoran Desert Museum does have river otters from desert regions among its live animal specimens. You may need two such biologists, one for fishes and lower vertebrates, and one for birds and mammals. Given the low level of regard for many people who do EIS preparation in some circles, I would expect that all biologist appointments have thorough taxonomy training with their ecology training, even to the point of requiring museum experience. It is necessary to test this capability specifically and directly with prospective appointments.

(d) A GS-12 air quality specialist, with at least five years of NEPA experience in air quality. What exactly do you have in mind here? Some air quality specialists are strictly meteorology and "fate and transport types," others deal monitoring systems. Industrial development in the vicinity of national forests calls for experience in both air pollution "fate and transport" and monitoring. The air quality legislation calls for two kinds of air pollution controls, primary controls based on human health, and second controls based on welfare and environmental considerations. The latter is the "visibility" and scenic vista concern, but nothing in any of this covers the former, public health. The copper mine is a potential emitter of "Priority Pollutants," several of which are on the EPA list of 129 because of their adverse health effects. Air pollution specialists who can handle these materials are often much more experienced than the GS-12 level person you have called for.

**(e) Notably absent from the list are the following: human health specialists in epidemiology, cancer risk assessment, pulmonary physiology, occupational safety and health, exposure analysis, advanced statistics. Since the geochemistry of the region shows that airborne carcinogens will be emitted from the mining project, the absence of these specialties in the EIS committee is immediate grounds to reject any acceptance of the EIS and any decision approving the project.**

**(f) Notably absent is a chemical engineer, GS-13 or equivalent, to review the material and energy balance calculations for all the mining processes, and point out the points of emission and loss of materials, pollution discharge opportunities, process limitations for closed loop technologies, and evaluation of their effects.** Further such a specialist is probably better able to communicate with the other team members with respect to air quality issues. For reasons I have never understood, air quality is primarily in chemical engineering, and water quality is primarily in civil engineering. I make no comments about modern curricula in "environmental engineering."

(g) The proposed post-project monitoring as given in a consultant report from Westland Resources (also briefly discussed in a later item) talks about a “flow and solute model.” Who produces this? What experience does that person have with large computer models of groundwater? Is a standard model to be adapted to the Rosemont Copper Mine situation? If so, it will depend on the comprehensiveness and appropriateness of the groundwater monitoring plan and the monitoring data, and who comments on the design of this plan in the EIS? And even, there are problems in adapting “off the shelf” computer models in hydrology.

3. Public Documents Available at the Green Valley Branch of the Pima County Library: On April 11, 2008, I reviewed the Plan of Operation document for the proposed Rosemont Mine prepared by the Westland Resources Company, dated July 31, 2006. This was the only document on the project deposited with the library. If there are others, they were missing.

My concerns with the document were the environmental issues, including various kinds of monitoring. The entire environmental section of interest was less than ten pages. The document lists a relatively complete listing of possible regulatory needs for this project, but it is short on specifics and full of platitudes about appropriate plans and considerations to occur down the road without any indication that anybody really knows anything about such considerations. The information provided on “sustainable principles” is laughable. I am not going to worry about the problems of paper clips when I need to examine closed-loop technologies.

The document did not address the needs listed below, and I hope the documents to be provided in the reading rooms do address these issues.

(a) Air pollution. The major discussion was control of fugitive emissions. There was no indication that air emissions related to the mining operations or processing of ores or other activities were considered.

(b) Human health aspects of air pollution. Many of the trace materials in the strata of mines in Pima County, when exposed through a mining operation and released airborne are established human and animal CARCINOGENS, notably nickel, cadmium, arsenic, beryllium, and under some special conditions iron oxides and cobalt oxides. Nickel, cadmium, arsenic and beryllium are Priority Pollutants under the Toxic Substances Control Act. No consideration of the health impacts of other trace constituents present, notably lead and tungsten, were discussed either. Lead is a well known neurological and developmental toxicants.

(c) Risk assessment methodologies. When dealing with carcinogens and neurotoxins, the regulations use a risk assessment paradigm. The science of risk assessment for toxic chemicals has evolved considerably since first proposed in 1974 by then Administrator of EPA, Russell Train. No provision for a risk assessment of a single carcinogen is present in the planning document, and now one has to consider the risk assessment possibilities of multiple air pollutants because of the nature of the materials being processed. It is this situation which puts me in personal jeopardy with respect to health and welfare.

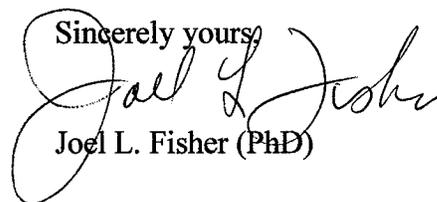
(d) Groundwater recharge waters. The plan contains a laudable idea of recharging some of the groundwater to mitigate the water losses of the aquifer. However, the quality of the recharge requires some very careful considerations with respect to the chemical and microbiological parameters. The origins of recharge water are not quite clear, but if they are from Colorado River as one apocryphal comment suggests, then there is a question of agricultural return flows causing this recharge water to be high in salinity, nitrates, and pesticides.

Nitrates can pass through the soil and sand strata untouched. Salinity will depend on the ability of the soil strata to act as a kind of ion-exchange resin to remove its excess levels, and pesticides are their special problems for groundwater.

(e) In the discussion of groundwater, there is a comment about a "flow and solute model" that will delineate DIA for the mine and demonstrate environmental compliance at selected POCs. How? Beyond the meaningless alphabet soup of acronyms, I never trust a computer model without a ground truth component. Computer models can generate artifacts and go unstable if the computer codes do not consider the effects of certain ranges and sensitivities of certain critical parameters in the model. There is no ground truth component, and by the time one realizes that non-compliance has occurred, it may be too late.

(f) Groundwater monitoring is very difficult. The Forest Service recognized that it when requested more detailed information on the groundwater monitoring proposals from the mining company. I have no idea what their response was, but it would be very appropriate to include that response in the public documents for the reading room.

In closing, I feel that the information that I have given you is so important, that I have sent it by certified mail with proof of receipt, and made it an attachment to an email to you, and I have sent copies of it to numerous people on my mailing list, including town officials of Sahuarita, and Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's office in Tucson..

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Will a trust be established securing funds for wells that are directly or indirectly affected by Rosemont Mine?  
Will a surface and ground water study be completed describing the impacts of the Rosemont mine on the East Side of the Santa Rita's?

Thank you for answering these questions.

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