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COMMENT: ① Home values in the Rosemont area have plummeted. How are you going to compensate families who are losing their life savings?

② Hwy 83 is already the most dangerous highway in the state (according to ADOT) for motorcycle accidents. Heavy machinery traffic is likely to encourage unsafe passing. How will you prevent an increased accident rate?

③ Hydrologists believe the estimates for Colorado River flow were based on a historically high flow period and do not reflect the likely flow rate in the next 20 years. Rosemont indicated it plans to replenish ground water with CAP water. What will you do when CAP water is not available?

④ The economy of Sonoita + Patagonia is dependent on tourism from Tucson. How can tourism be sustained when the only direct highway route will be impassable due to mine trucks? Who will pay for road damage that is likely to occur since Hwy 83 was not designed for heavy machinery?

⑤ Where will ATV traffic be rerouted when access to the Rosemont recreation area will be limited by mine traffic?

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ADDRESS: PO Box 527 Sonoita, AZ 85637

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- 6 How will lightning impact the nearby astronomical research? What will you do to limit light pollution?
7 I am the only medical provider in Patagonia. We have been unable to recruit another physician in the last 2 years. Who do you expect to provide medical services for the influx of mine employees?
8 When the mine plays out and Rosemont Copper leaves how will continued prevention of ground water contamination be enforced? Who will pay for it?
9 Rosemont claims it will bring money into the community. The environmental impact on tourism in the area will last forever; the advantages only 20 years. Have you included this in your economic analysis?

NAME: Molly Andersson, MD

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COMMENT:

AS A CONCERNED OWNER - RESIDENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED ABOUT 4 MILES N. + E. OF PROPOSED ROSEMONT MINE, MY COMMENT IS AS FOLLOWS. MOST OF THE AREA THAT REQUIRE IS NATIONAL FOREST. THIS BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER OPEN PIT COPPER MINE IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA DEVASTATING THE AREA. MINES ARE A PRACTICAL USE OF PUBLIC LANDS BUT NOT HERE.

NAME: DAVID F. TENPENNY

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 20,500 S. MARAUDERS TR. VAIL ARIZ 85641

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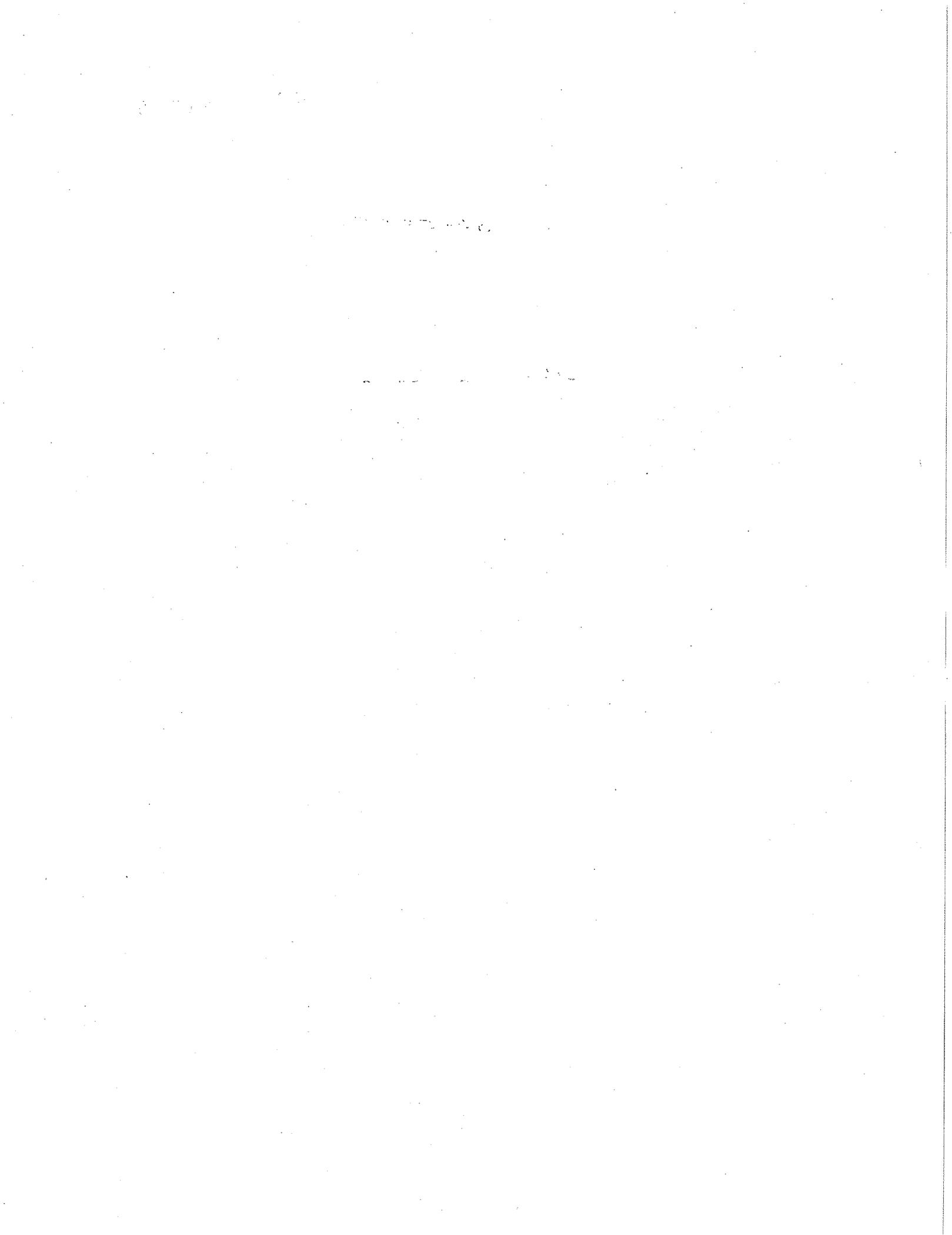
The legal description for the property is:

	Township	S-Range	E-Sec
PIMA COUNTY			
	BOOK	MAP	PARCEL
	306-21-002k		LOT 2

- I would like to know what impact the Rosemont mine would have on my well.
- Can I expect the water table to be lowered, if so will my well run dry?
- If my well runs dry who will pay to get water to my home?
- What do you estimate the future groundwater table depth to be?
- Will a 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.

Sincerely,





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COMMENT:

As a property owner + resident located about 4 miles from proposed mine my concerns are as follows:

1) when pit is dug far enough it will flood with water from aquifer. they will have to pump it out to perform there operation. This will have a tremendous negative impact on all the surrounding wells in area. Who will be responsible when our wells run dry?

my well registration # is 55-555565

Thanks for your time

NAME: Dave TenPenny

EMAIL: none

ADDRESS: 20,500 S. MARAUDERS TR. VAIL AZ. 85746

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COMMENT:

As a concerned owner-Resident of property located about 4 miles N.E. of proposed Rosemont mine, I would like to comment.

I am fearful of what the mine would do to the quality of water in the aquifer. As we all know from past experiences all mines of this type eventually pollute + contaminate the surrounding groundwater.

No matter what safeguards are required + taken sooner or later the groundwater is compromised.

This area is not compatible with a open pit mine + The Forest Service should take steps to stop it.

NAME: Dave Tenpenny

Well Res. #55-555565

EMAIL: none

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VAIL AZ. 85641

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COMMENT: THE POWER LINE THAT FEEDS THE HILLTON RANCH ROAD COMMUNITY RUNS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE ROSEMONT MINE. WHO WILL PAY TO HAVE THIS LINE MOVED OR RE ROUTED? WHAT GUARANTEE IS THERE THAT THE POWER COMPANY (TCP) WILL GET A NEW EASEMENT TO RUN A NEW LINE?

ALSO HOW WILL POWER BE SUPPLIED TO THE MINE ITSELF?

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COMMENT:

Is there any guarantee that Rosemont mine will not pump groundwater from the East side of the Santa Rita's. They say they are not. Then why have they dug 5 wells at 1500 ft?

I am on a fixed income. If my well runs dry, I cannot afford to have it drilled deeper. Proving that the Rosemont mine is responsible for lower groundwater tables is difficult. If this becomes a problem will Augusta guarantee in writing that they will pay for well improvements necessary to provide me with water?

If the groundwater in our area becomes polluted like Green Valley water where, will the water for us living in the Sonita/Patagonia/Vail corridor come from and will Augusta Resources guarantee in writing they will pay for all related expenses to get it piped directly to our homes

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COMMENT:

Since any organized mining ceased by 1952 in the Smith Mtn mountains and within the last 20 years there has been a great deal of real estate development in Shawmuth, along state 83, particularly within the Hilton ranch lower and upper valleys the immediacy of this mining project is questionable.

I would recommend — NO ACTION TAKEN

I would recommend AGAIN — NO ACTION TAKEN.

My personal concern is the daily blasting, which would take place within 4 miles of my home. We have 30 homes in the lower valley that will be directly affected by blasting noise, vibration, and ruining the value of our community.

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COMMENT:

It is very difficult to make sensible comments about the impact of the mine when the mining plan of operations has not been approved and available to the public.

As an example - Pima county has asked a number of questions about the hydrology of the mine. Answers are supposed to be a part of the MPO. These could be very important in the formulation of sensible questions about the project.

This entire process has started too soon! We should do it again after the MPO is available.

NAME: Morris Farr
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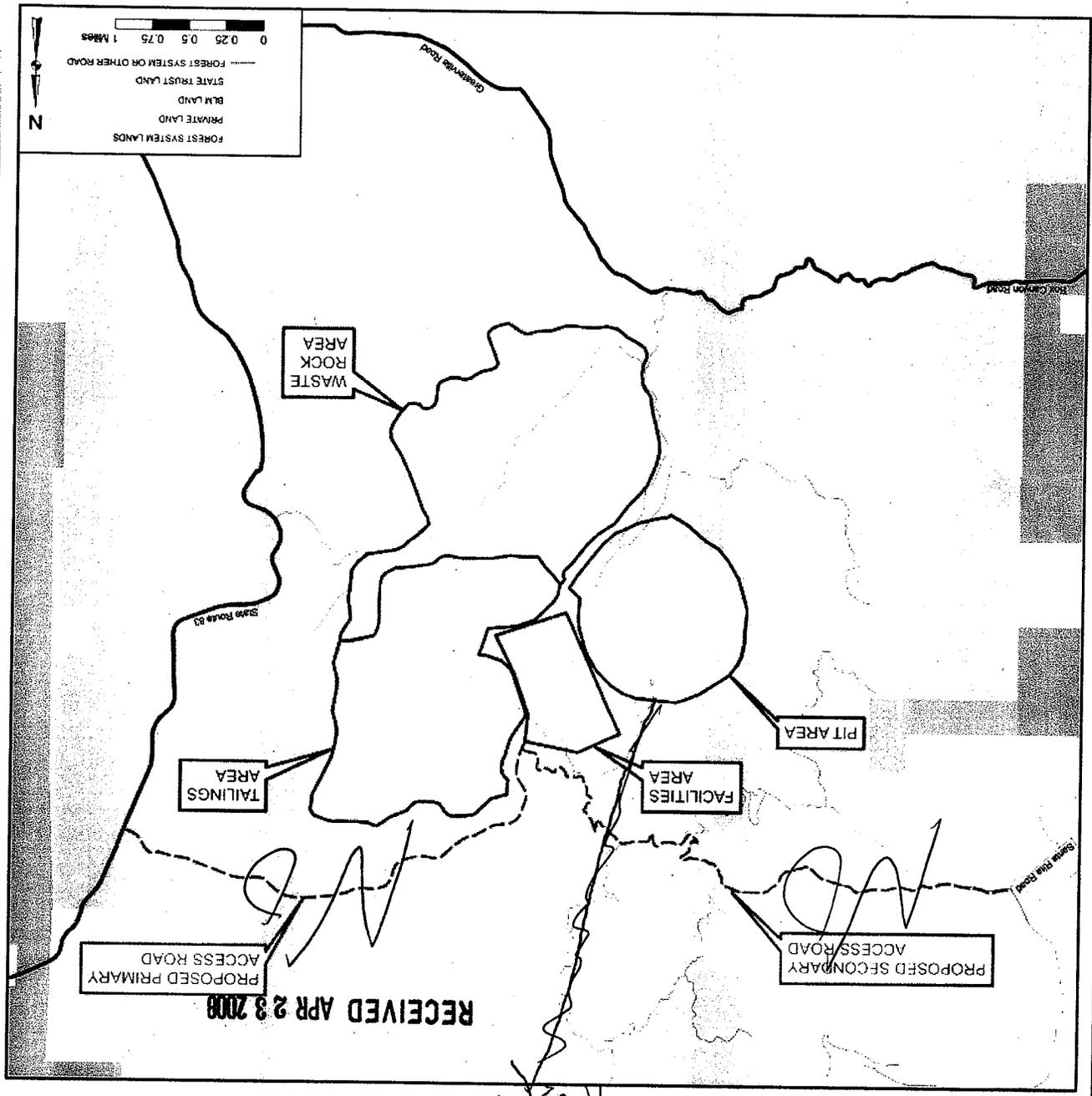
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We have lived within a few miles of this proposed site since 1985. We had our well drilled in 1986. My questions concern the quality and quantity of our water supply. What happens to our home and property when the mine drains our aquifer? Will Rosemont Copper Company guarantee us water?

NAME: See Ann Harris
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I would like to see at least two independent evaluations of Rosemont's reclamation plan in terms of its viability, ~~the~~ ultimate impact on the environment, views, water etc. and the costs of the plan and minimum 2 year evaluations*

It's very important to me that - if you approve this plan, that you - Forest Service - as caretaker of my/our land - ensure that the land is returned to its original state.

Thank you.

* of the bonding amounts required to ensure reclamation funds are available.

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