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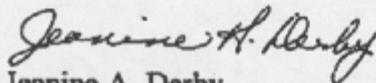
**RE: THIRD PARTY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTOR (PRIME
CONSULTANT) RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER
PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Houser:

This letter serves to inform you that SWCA Environmental Consultants has been selected to provide third-party NEPA consulting services for the Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine project. This selection is in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated January 30, 2008, whereby Rosemont Copper Company (RCC) has reviewed the Coronado National Forest (CNF)'s list of environmental consultants and recommends that the Forest select SWCA as the third-party environmental contractor (Prime Consultant). This selection was based on your local presence, familiarity with the CNF, and NEPA qualifications.

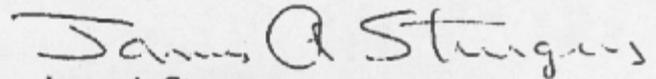
RCC provided the attached contract and Disclosure Statement between SWCA and RCC to the CNF to assure that the terms and conditions specified in the MOU are clearly met. This contract is for the completion of the Scope of Work (SOW) as provided in Attachment 1 of the MOU. It is our intention that SWCA's team work under the direction of the CNF to help prepare the documentation as required for compliance with NEPA, provide technical support, conduct independent resource studies and any other tasks the U.S. Forest Service considers relevant to evaluating the proposed project under NEPA. We look forward to SWCA serving at the convenience of the CNF and working directly with your staff to assist them in their responsibilities.

Sincerely,



Jeanine A. Derby
Forest Supervisor
Concurrence/Selection

Sincerely,



James A. Sturgess
VP and Environmental Projects
Recommending

Attachments: RCC's Contract with SWCA
Scope of Work (Attachment 1)
Disclosure Statement