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RE: Reinitiation of Formal Consultation for the Rosemont Copper Mine, Pima County, AZ

Dear Mr. Spangle:

Thank you for the continued coordination with the Southern Arizona Ecological Services Field Office on the Rosemont Copper Mine. I have received your letter dated May 16, 2014, summarizing why reinitiation of formal consultation is required. Based on the Reinitiation Notice from the Final Biological and Conference Opinion for the Rosemont Copper Mine (AESO/SE 22410-2009-F-0389), the Coronado National Forest intends to:

1. Reinitiate formal consultation based on the occurrence of an ocelot within the action area.
2. Supplement the biological assessment with updates to the hydrological analysis and effects to species occurring in aquatic and riparian ecosystems.
3. Request conference on the proposed actions effects to the northern Mexican gartersnake and yellow-billed cuckoo; as well as proposed critical habitat for northern Mexican gartersnake and on the yellow-billed cuckoo's critical habitat if proposed in the near future.

The Coronado National Forest also requests U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to confirm the conference opinion as a biological opinion for designated jaguar critical habitat.

We appreciate your continued coordination and look forward to working with your species leads and other staff throughout the consultation process. If you have any questions please contact Marc Stamer (520) 388-8374.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jamie Kingsbury (for)

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