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I commented early on and hope you will consider those comments along with those.

The largest issue we have here in the Sonoran desert is clean water for consumption by the citizens as well as local wildlife. The U of A has even studied this and come to the conclusion that this area will in the very near future require desalination plants and the purchase of sea water from Mexico to supply our fresh drinking water. U of A studies estimate that the local area will have a one trillion gallon supply shortfall in as early as 10 years if trends continue in our proposed consumption without extensive modifications of supply and use.

The above impact alone should stop this mine just as it has stopped this mine proposal before. This company has a new proposal for the very same proposed location that was denied before, the only thing it seems that has changed is their verbiage and where their water will come from for use in the mine. The impacts to the area environment and local water resources have not changed in the slightest. The impacts are the very same as when denied a permit in the past.

There is insufficient data on the cumulative physical impacts this mine will have on the immediate area as well as the water resources in the surrounding area including the protected riparian habitat Cienega creek and the Tucson basin aquifer. These both depend on the watershed from the area of the proposed mine. These impacts and long term damage can not be mitigated.

The mine will adversely affect the areas overall quality of life while creating many barriers for local communities to deal with not the least of which will be a major impact to the local air quality caused by vehicle pollution, dust not only from operations but from the toxic dust coming from the tailings piles.

The dynamiting along with the constant rumbling, light pollution and

increased motor traffic will go so far as to even impact the mental wellness of area residents as this can be considered the equivalent to long term mental torture. Just consider the irreversible damage to wildlife habitat caused by these operations and its decimation of available water resources that are depended on by the local wildlife for survival today.

In conclusion, If this mine is going to receive any further consideration the USFS must conduct appropriate credible analyses using proper methodology and based on current, accurate data of the effects of well draw downs and loss of water along with future impact.

The Rosemont Copper Project (or its consultants) should be required to conduct an inventory of the estimated 500 to 550 individual wells that could be affected by groundwater pumping at the production for the Rosemont Copper Project. The USFS should abandon this flawed and invalid version of a FEIS and prepare and circulate for public review and comment a Revised DEIS or Supplemental Draft EIS.

Thanks,
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