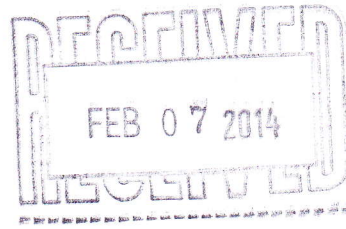


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RE: Rosemont Copper Project FEIS Objection

I hereby submit a formal objection to the proposed Rosemont Copper project in the Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District. The responsible official is Jim Upchurch. This objection concerns new information contained in the FEIS which became available after the designated comment opportunities for this project.

**Issue:** The proposed Rosemont Copper project FEIS contains substantial new and important information developed after publication of the DEIS and before publication of the FEIS.

**Objection:** Appendix G: Summary of Response to Comments on the DEIS of the FEIS for the Rosemont Copper project is replete with statements which refer objectors to new information or "expanded analyses" which are included in the FEIS. To name a few these include the analysis of socioeconomic impacts in Chapter 3; the analysis of traffic and safety impacts in Chapters 1 and 3; the analysis of biological resources impacts in Chapter 3; the analysis of traffic and public safety impacts in the Hazardous Materials, Public Health and Safety, and Transportation sections in Chapter 3; and the analysis of surface water impacts in Chapter 3.

The CNF further states that: "Federal regulations regarding supplementing an EIS are contained at 40 CFR 1502.9: (c) Agencies: Shall prepare supplements to either draft or final environmental impact statements if: (i) The agency makes substantial changes in the proposed action that are relevant to environmental concerns; or (ii) There are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts."

Despite reasonable and appropriate requests to issue a substantially revised DEIS or a supplemental DEIS in order to permit the public and public agencies the opportunity to review and comment on a proper evaluation of all of the proposed project's reasonably foreseeable significant adverse impacts, the CNF chose to issue the FEIS, thus greatly limiting public review of this new and important information through the use of a narrow, difficult, and highly technical formal objection process.

**Remedy:** The USFS should abandon this version of a FEIS and prepare and circulate for public review and comment a Revised DEIS.

Sincerely,  
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