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To: Cal Joyner, Southwestern Regional Forester
USFS Southwestern Region
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REGIONAL FORESTER'S OFFICE
SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Re: Formal Objection to Final Impact Statement and Draft Record of Decision for the Rosemont Copper Project: A Proposed Mining Operation, Coronado National Forest

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Project Name: Rosemont Copper Project: A Proposed Mining Operation
Responsible Official: Jim Upchurch, Forest Supervisor
National Forest, Ranger District: Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District

Our objections center around air pollution and water usage.

While an immense amount of research and work was done the mitigation proposed falls short of solving the issues raised.

A few comments about the weather data first. To calculate the impact of the combined actions one would hope that it would be based on multiple weather data from the National Weather service and not from a short lived weather station from the applicant.

For example the wind directional data used do not compare with the official data from the nearby National Weather service station.

Just over last January 2014 the wind directional data used were proven to be incorrect.

With the weather data incorrect the dry tailings dust mitigation falls far short and will need much more water than the applicant claims it will use and therefore makes its statement to be a "different" mine ridiculous.

We count on you to make the right decision. In our neighborhood this mine has no place to exist as it will dramatically and dangerously affect our health and well being.

Respectfully,

Willem and Johanna Van Kempen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Van Kempen', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is slanted and somewhat cursive.