

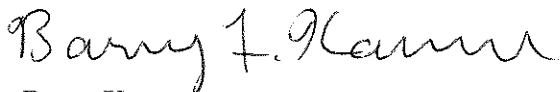
Rosemont Copper Project: A Proposed Mining Operation  
Jim Upchurch, Forest Service Supervisor  
Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District  
Memorandum of Agreement (prepared under section 106 of the National Historic  
Preservation Act)

In my letter to you on 1/10/2012, I commented on the impact the proposed mine will have on cultural and sacred sites of the Native Nations and that the proposals in the DEIS were inadequate in the protections that would be offered if the mine is permitted. After reading the MOA, it is clear that this legal government contract is sadly reminiscent of the US Government's history with our Native Nations. As noted in the document, the tribes oppose the project and do not believe that mitigation is possible. On page D-5, paragraph six, the MOA states that many tribes have none-the-less participated in the development of this MOA. Faced with loss of their Traditional Cultural Property they have been forced to participate in this MOA to preserve what little they can. As I originally stated, the protections and mitigation provided in the MOA are woefully inadequate. It is the **land** that is sacred as well as the objects, buildings and remains that rest on that land.

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Issue 7: Impact on Visual Resources

In my letter of 1/14/12, I noted the long term visual impact of the Rosemont Mine and the impossibility of restoration. The response to this objection was simply confirmation of my concerns. In the last complete paragraph at the bottom of page 452 the FEIS states that "Regardless of mitigation measures on reclamation required, the scenic quality of the landscape may be permanently degraded." This section on VISUAL RESOURCES makes multiple comments validating that restoration to the Santa Rita's natural and original appearance is not possible.



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