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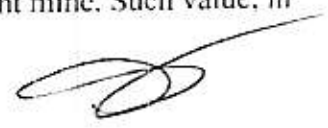
Re: Rosemont Copper Project FEIS Objection

I submit herewith 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 our individual wells and new information contained in the FEIS which became available after the previous comments for this mine.

It is unfortunate the the FEIS has been put together in a way that it would take hours and hours and hours to find the applicable information necessary to "comment". A master index would have been nice. I don't know if this format is required or if it was just someone making it more difficult than it needs to be. Be that as it may, I am not able to find some of the information necessary for commenting on my previous objections to traffic, air, tourism, recreation, outdoor lighting, loss of area jobs and property values.

Property values have dropped specifically due to the proposed Rosemont mine. Many, in the area are not able to sell their property. The only reason cited - the Rosemont mine. My husband and I are licensed real estate agents and the facts are - people do not want to buy in the area because of the Rosemont mine and people who want to sell because of the Rosemont mine can't sell. There is no assurance in the DEIS of water quantity or quality to our homes and nobody in their right mind is going to buy in here with this black cloud hanging over our properties and all properties in the area.

Water quantity: I find nothing in the FEIS that insures us that we will have water. The bogus well protection program/agreement offers absolutely no guaranty for water. It allows for a well pump warranty and deepening of our wells but only to a certain depth. If that depth does not furnish water, we are SOL. Rosemonts well protection program is anything but. It's not worth the paper it's written on. Not to mention that THEY would have full control of the monitoring, etc. How dumb do they think we are? Digging a new well would be at OUR cost and if no water, hauling water in would be at OUR cost. These are our homes and many of us have put our life savings into our properties. The prospect of this mine has already rendered our properties virtually worthless. Where, in the DEIS, does Rosemont agree to compensate us for loss of property values? And, our lifestyle? How can loss of lifestyle be mitigated? The remedy for this is that the USFS should contract for and conduct INDEPENDENT studies of the effects of well drawdowns, water loss/quantity and water quality of ALL NEIGHBORING RESIDENTIAL WELLS that will, by Rosemont's admission, be affected by their mine. If, after such studies, it is determined that the mine will result in unmitigated solutions, we should be compensated at a market value PRIOR to the prospect of the Rosemont mine. Such value, in




my opinion, would be at least double of the market value now. Granted, market value is hard to determine when the Rosemont mine has caused no market!

Furthermore, I object to new information recited in Appendix G. For instance, the analysis of socioeconomic impacts in Chapter 3, the analysis of traffic and safety impacts in Chapters 1 and 3, the analysis of surface water impacts in Chapter 3, etc. CNF says that Federal regulations regarding supplementing an EIS are contained at 40 CFR 1502.9 : (c) Agencies: Shall prepare supplements to either the draft or final EIS if the agency makes substantial changes in the proposed action that are relevant to environmental concerns or that there is significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or impacts.

Others & I have requested that the DEIS be revised or a Supplemental be issued to the DEIS so that we, the public, can analyze the new material and comment on it. The Pima County public has not been given that opportunity. This mine effects all of Pima County and the citizens should be allowed to see the specific changes and proposed mitigation in simple format. Either a revised DEIS with the additional material bolded or a Supplemental to the DEIS.

The only remedy is that the USFS completely abandon this FEIS and prepare & distribute a REVISED DEIS or issue a Supplemental to the DEIS for the public to review and comment on. I cannot fathom why this has not been done for such a serious project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Reichardt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.
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