

February 14, 2014

Objection to Rosemont Copper Project
Southwestern Region
333 Broadway SE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Cumulative Effect

These comments are being submitted in response to the Rosemont Copper Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and draft Record of Decision (ROD) issued by Jim Upchurch on December 13, 2013. The proposed project would be implemented in the Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District.

As I mentioned in my Letter of January 18, 2012 I am very concerned about how the "Cumulative Effect" of the proposed project was evaluated. I found descriptions in the FEIS of the likely Cumulative Effect as it relates to many different aspects of the proposed project (e.g., air quality, groundwater quantity, dark skies, etc.). However, I was unable to locate any assessment of the overall Cumulative Effect of the project. It seems like each separate discussion was conducted in its own silo without a holistic view of the entire project. I believe the overall Cumulative Effect of the proposed project will be much greater than the sum of its parts and that viewing the proposed project in this way would have led to a different assessment and selection of the No Action alternative.

The FEIS is quite detailed in its analysis, all the proper boxes were checked, t's crossed i's dotted but what seems to be missing are indications that the Forest Service took the time to step back and view the project in the context of the permanent overall effect on many aspects of the physical environment and how that might affect the growing population that lives near the proposed project.

I strongly urge the Forest Service to revise its findings and select the No Action alternative.

Sincerely,



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