

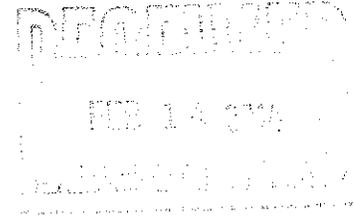


Board of Supervisors

Santa Cruz County

JOHN MAYNARD
District 3

February 10, 2014



Reviewing Officer, Rosemont Mine EIS
Southwest Region
United States Forest Service
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE: Rosemont Copper Project FEIS Objection

To whom it may concern:

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.

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

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. I am particularly concerned with the analysis of traffic and safety impacts in Chapters 1 and 3 and the analysis of traffic and public safety impacts in the Hazardous Materials, Public Health and Safety, and Transportation sections in Chapter 3. Additional, truck traffic on both Highway 83 and Highway 82 in Santa Cruz County has me deeply concerned. It will create unacceptable traffic loads upon both the communities of Sonoita and Patagonia, negatively impacting their economies and degrading the quality of life in Supervisorial District 3 of Santa Cruz County, Arizona, which I have represented for over 12 years. The beauty and bio diversity of this part of Arizona created the tourist based economy these communities rely upon for their very existence. Both Highways 82 and 83 have been designated "scenic" by the Arizona Department of Transportation for good reason.

The CNF stated 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."

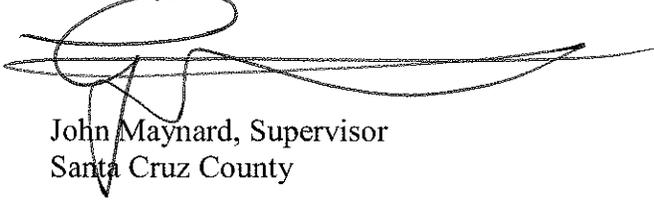
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Despite requests to issue a substantially revised DEIS or a supplemental DEIS in order to permit the public and public agencies the opportunity to review and comment on a proper evaluation of all of the proposed project's adverse impacts, the CNF chose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

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

If you have any questions or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,



John Maynard, Supervisor
Santa Cruz County