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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

**Comments on the final environmental impact statement (FEIS):**

I object to the FEIS because I feel it does not adequately address the concerns to the proposed Rosemont Copper Project that I raised in the statements I made previously at public hearings. At the public hearing held on 12/1/2011, I raised two concerns (see document #120111: 1) the negative impact on the water table evaporation from the lake left at the mine site after mining operations have ended; and 2) the negative impact on the scenic Santa Rita Mountains of the huge tailings piles the mine will create. Similarly, at the 1/14/2012 public hearing I expressed several concerns not adequately addressed by the FEIS (see document #011412): 1) that the mine would degrade local water resources as well as plant and animal ecosystems; 2) that the benchmarks for revegetation of the tailings piles are too far in the future to be of value; 3) that the mine will degrade scenic mountains; and 4) that evaporation from the lake left on the site after mining has ceased will harm the local water table.

Given that these concerns as well as other important ones that I was unable to address within the limited time periods available at the public hearings have not been adequately addressed in the FEIS, I urge the Forest Service to choose Alternative 1 - No Action for the proposed Rosemont Copper Project.

Sincerely,

Steven Wind