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Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

As you are aware, the Coronado National Forest has recently closed the public comment period for the Rosemont Copper Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Forest is in the process of addressing comments, as well as undertaking consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

In the Draft EIS, the Forest endeavored to use a variety of groundwater models to show a range of potential impacts to the aquifer and aquatic resources resulting from the mine operations and the development of the mine pit lake. These included two models commissioned by Rosemont Copper and vetted by the Forest as well as a model commissioned by Pima County and constructed by Dr. Tom Myers.

As part of both coordination with USFWS and response to public comments, the Forest has recognized the need for additional detailed output from the groundwater models used in the Draft EIS, and would like to request this information from the County and Dr. Myers. The requested information is intended to better document the timing and magnitude of potential impacts to important aquatic resources.

Specifically, the Forest would like to obtain from Dr. Myers model: hydrographs/time trends showing modeled groundwater levels or water level drawdown over time for the following locations:

- Empire Gulch springs (near ranch headquarters)
- Gardner Canyon (near area of perennial flow)
- Cienega Creek (near gaging stations)
- Confluence of Davidson Canyon/Cienega Creek
- Reach 2 Spring in Davidson Canyon
- Fig Tree Spring
- Scholefield Springs



- Sycamore Spring
- Rosemont Spring
- Rueles Spring
- Helvetia Spring
- Gardner/Cienega confluence
- Corona de Tucson residences
- Singing Valley North residences
- Hilton Road residences

Thank you for your continued assistance in providing information and comments for this project. If you have questions, contact Mindee Roth, who will coordinate with specialists from the Forest and/or SWCA to provide any clarification that may be required. Ms. Roth can be reached at (520) 388-8319 or mroth@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



for JIM UPCHURCH  
Forest Supervisor