



**Supplemental Information to the Mine Plan of Operations  
Rosemont Copper Company**

**Disposition of Existing Mine Workings**

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## **Introduction**

This technical memorandum responds to an information request from the Coronado National Forest to Rosemont Copper Company. The requested information is issue 28 from US Forest Service letter: Supervisor J. Derby to J. Sturgess (dated October 19, 2007).

The information requested is: Description of the disposition of existing mine workings.

## **Background**

The Rosemont and Helvetia Mining Districts have a recorded history of mineral production dating back to the 1880's, and perhaps earlier for unrecorded history. Evidence of past mineral exploration and production is readily visible throughout the Rosemont claim block, the patented Rosemont lands, and the surrounding Rosemont Ranch area.

In the past, these historic mine workings have seen intermittent activities related to mineral production, exploration, mineral prospecting, mineral specimen collecting, recreational exploring, and sightseeing. Past efforts by landowners, federal agencies, and state agencies to establish or maintain security and public safety measures at these existing mine workings have met with varying degrees of success.

## **Rosemont Plans for Disposition of Existing Mine Workings on Private Lands**

Rosemont, on its own, and working with the Arizona State Mine Inspector, will update the inventory and stabilization of existing mine workings to provide for security and public safety on private lands. These efforts will include, but not be limited to: exclusions, signage, fencing, backfilling, sealing, and grading of existing mine workings. Care will be taken to recognize the potential cultural and habitat values represented by some of these workings.

## **Rosemont Plans for Disposition of Existing Mine Workings on public Lands within the Rosemont Claims**

Rosemont, working with the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Arizona State Mine Inspector, and/or contractors, will update the inventory and status of existing mine workings on public lands within the Rosemont Claim area. It is anticipated that the inventory work will include an evaluation for potential for closing or stabilizing these existing mine workings as mitigation measures, during the NEPA review process for the Mine Plan of Operations. Care will be taken to recognize the potential historical and habitat values represented by some of these workings.

All actions on public lands will be subject to review and approval by the appropriate land management agency.