

**Rosemont Copper Project  
Cooperating Agency Meeting  
5/17/2011**

Unofficial List of Attendees (may not be all inclusive): Jim Upchurch, Reta Laford, Tiffany, Mark, Greg, Kathy, Nicole, David, Garret, Cindy, Peter, Julia, Dennis, Orlentia, Karen, Addison, Heidi, and Darla.

Notes as taken by Reta Laford:

The Forest is preparing an EIS. There will be impacts.

There is a role for Cooperating Agencies under NEPA in developing the EIS. We plan to ask for Cooperating Agency review, within their jurisdiction and special expertise, of an internal draft of the DEIS. The internal draft of the DEIS upon which we will be seeking Cooperating Agency review has undergone review and clearance by the Forest, Regional Office, and Washington Office. Note that this review request will be on an internal draft of the DEIS - not the public review draft which will be later noticed in the Federal Register.

Cooperating Agency review comments of the internal draft of the DEIS do not provide standing for subsequent appeal. Appeal standing would be based on commenting upon the pending DEIS to be noticed in the Federal Register.

In considering Cooperating Agency review comments, the Forest may give deference to entities with regulatory responsibilities over those providing special expertise.

Although the Forest will not be identifying a preferred alternative in the internal draft of the DEIS upon which we will be seeking Cooperating Agency review, agencies are welcome to provide comments on their preference. If agencies indicate an alternative preference, providing the rationale for such would be particularly important to know.

The Forest recognizes that we have a special relationship with Cooperating Agencies. The Forest asks, to the extent possible, that the internal draft of the DEIS upon which we will be seeking Cooperating Agency review, is not shared externally. This request is to minimize creating unnecessary angst and confusion of the public, as the document is not yet ready for public review. If you are contemplating an external release, please let the Forest know.

Note that permits do not have to be obtained prior to completion of the DEIS.

We are trying to release the DEIS to the public in August. This represents a tight timeline to address Cooperating Agency comments.