

Proposed Rosemont Copper Project

Cooperating Agency Meeting Notes August 4, 2011

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Attendees:

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Cooperating agency reps

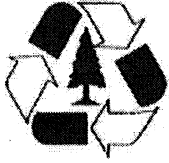
Peter Steere - Tohono O'odham Nation
Dan Moore - BLM
Scott Stonum, Darla Sidles - Saguaro NP
Dan Brocius - Smithsonian Whipple Observ. (by phone)
Dennis Turner - ADEQ
Charles Beck - ADOT (by phone)
Scott Miller - ADWR (by phone)
Linda Pollack, Kristin Terpinig, (by phone) - AGFD
David Jacobs - Az State Land Dept.
Garrett Fleming - Az State Mine Inspector (by phone)
Bob Casavant - Az State Parks (by phone)
Orlanthia Henderson - Town of Sahuarita
Kathy Chavez, Mukonde Chama, Linda Mayro, Loy Neff,
Julia Fonseca, Nicole Fyffe, Frank Postillion, and Neva
Connelly - Pima County

Topics Discussed:

- Forest Supervisor Upchurch summarized what comments we received on the pre-DEIS from cooperating agencies and how we plan to consider and address those comments. Mr. Upchurch fielded questions from the group. There was an opportunity for open discussion amongst the group.
- Discussed ideas to improve our cooperative relationships and work toward the best project outcome possible. Consider a meeting to hear from another forest who is in the permit admin phase to learn what is working, what problems were encountered, how dealing with changing conditions. We will share and work with Coop agencies as new alternatives, mitigation... come into the analysis. To improve working together, share materials ahead of meeting, meet and discuss. Make water review reports available. Coop agencies help with comment analysis response? Jim wants to cooperate as much as possible. Jim stated he needs to understand Town, County plans and goals. Work with County about county road maintenance costs.
- Meet again before public release.

For DEIS:

- Define mitigation and explain that not all impacts are mitigated
- Clarify the availability of Community Trust Fund for priority community projects
- Explained claim validity exam and discretion to do or not do
- Acknowledge astronomy industry economic contributions and disclose possible impacts qualitatively. Refer to UA Eller Business College study sent recently by Dan Brocius



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Subject August 4th Rosemont cooperating agency meeting

Thanks to those of you who were able to submit pre-DEIS comments by June 30th. We look forward to additional comments by August 1st. Your review and input will contribute to a better document for public review.

Forest Supervisor Jim Upchurch would like to meet with cooperating agencies on August 4th to summarize what we heard from your review and how we are considering your comments. No meeting is scheduled for July.

The next meeting will be held on August 4, 2011, from 9:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room A in the basement level of the Tucson Federal Building. For those calling in, the number is 1-877-937-7556, 6494499#

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ROSEMONT COOPERATING AGENCY MEETING

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To summarize comments received on the pre-DEIS and explain our general plans to address those comments

Alternatives

What we heard...

- ☐ Range of alternatives inadequate, too little variation
- ☐ More consideration of alternative supply water sources needed, including CAP
- ☐ Pit backfill options should be more closely scrutinized

What we plan...

- ☐ Improve description of alternative development process and alternatives considered and eliminated from detailed analysis
- ☐ Continue to explore alternative methods and locations for waste and tailings placement between Draft and Final

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Air Quality

What we heard...

- ☐ Provide more detail of inputs to models
- ☐ Concerns with the assumption that one model adequately discloses the effects of the different alternatives

What we plan...

- ☐ Provide additional rationale and analysis for each alternative

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Cultural Resources

What we heard...

- ☐ Impacts to cultural resources unacceptable
- ☐ More information needed on the TCP eligibility determination
- ☐ Vibration and noise impacts to cultural resources should be considered

What we plan...

- ☐ Address concerns qualitatively
- ☐ Work on completion of TCP eligibility determination
- ☐ Acknowledge and address effects to cultural resources by alternative

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Dark Sky Resources

What we heard...

- ☐ How monitored and enforced
- ☐ Verify that MSHA lighting requirements and dust emissions are included in models

What we plan...

- ☐ Specialists review inputs for MSHA lighting requirements
- ☐ Correct and/or update analysis if additional air modeling indicates changes to dust impacts
- ☐ Permit administration

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Mitigation

What we heard...

- ☐ Clarification of compensatory lands mitigation needed
- ☐ Requests for mitigation to meet other guidelines

What we plan...

- ☐ Rework Chapter 2 to clarify alternative design elements and mitigation measures
- ☐ Review technical reports to assure we have captured all design elements and proposed mitigation
- ☐ Incorporate additional mitigation as it is identified through permitting processes
- ☐ Community Trust available for priority needs
- ☐ Not all impacts will be mitigated

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Purpose and Need

What we heard...

- ☐ Disagreement with Purpose and Need

What we plan...

- ☐ Review Purpose and Need statement for clarity and consistency

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Reclamation

What we heard...

- ☐ Revegetation expectations unreasonable and unsupported by science
- ☐ Mitigation fund requested

What we plan...

- ☐ Review the extent of reclamation analysis needs by alternative and incorporate detail where needed

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Socioeconomics

What we heard...

- ☐ Use 2010 Census Tract data
- ☐ Analysis of economic impacts to astronomical industry requested
- ☐ Stronger consideration of environmental justice requirements

What we plan...

- ☐ Update with 2010 Census Tract data if available
- ☐ Provide additional qualitative discussion

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Transportation, Public Safety

What we heard...

- ☐ Analysis of ancillary road use
- ☐ Conflicting data
- ☐ Clarify car pooling requirements and options
- ☐ Impacts and costs from increased mine traffic
- ☐ Noise impact analysis area should be expanded
- ☐ Expand discussion of traffic safety concerns beyond Hwy. 83

What we plan...

- ☐ Provide additional qualitative discussions in Chapter 3
- ☐ Identify additional design features from ADOT to provide for adequate Level of Service
- ☐ Clarify carpooling plans including staging area locations

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Wildlife Resources

What we heard...

- ☐ Concern with data sources and analysis of birds, game species, fish, special status species
- ☐ Conservation agreements and trust funds suggested
- ☐ Stronger consideration given to movement corridors and linkages
- ☐ Monitoring needs

What we plan...

- ☐ Qualitative discussions and factual corrections
- ☐ Continue coordination with AGFD
- ☐ Disclose uncertainties

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Water Resources

What we heard...

- ☐ Professional disagreements with models, analysis tools, and conclusions
- ☐ More information on geochemistry testing and management strategies
- ☐ Effects analysis of pit lake water quality questioned
- ☐ Refine groundwater drawdown contours
- ☐ Impacts on residential and monitoring wells is a concern
- ☐ Effects on downstream resources, ie Davidson and Cienega Creeks
- ☐ Need for additional mitigation and monitoring

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Water Resources

What we plan...

- ☐ Recognize differing professional opinions and uncertainties
- ☐ Clarify assumptions, methodologies, independent peer review processes, etc.
- ☐ Add graphs, displays, charts if data is available
- ☐ Update document with new information
- ☐ Disclose general effects to production and monitoring wells
- ☐ Additional monitoring for water quality

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Miscellaneous

What we heard...

- ☐ Several effects of the alternatives would be inconsistent with nearby land use goals and plans
- ☐ Factual inaccuracies, labeling discrepancies, missing citations...
- ☐ Claim validity exam and analysis of impacts to mineral assets requested
- ☐ Additional analyses suggested or offered

What we plan...

- ☐ Disclose inconsistencies
- ☐ Correct inaccuracies, discrepancies, etc.
- ☐ Consider and/or utilize analyses offered
- ☐ Provide additional detail of certain topics in the project record
- ☐ Continue coordination with cooperating agencies on specific topics

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