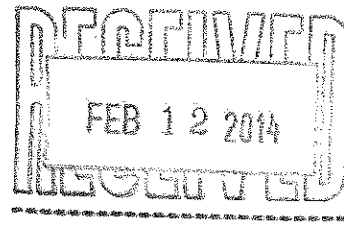


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Project - Rosemont Copper Mining Company - "Rosemont Copper Project"
on the Coronado National Forest
at - Jim Upchurch - Forest Supervisor, Coronado Nat'l Forest

The following issues have not been adequately addressed -

I object to the Forest Service changing its standards to clear the way for their mining project to be approved.

Air Quality - Dust from mine tailings will pollute the air causing serious health issues to Santa Cruz & Pima residents.

Water Heavy metals & acids will leak into our water supply. The EPA has rejected Rosemont's plan to prevent contamination of our water supply.

Transportation - the hazmat & traffic issues on State Rt 83 have not been adequately addressed due to the increase of mine activity.

Emergency responders may be unable to respond or transport patients.

Wild life the impact on wild life will be severe. Endangered species are not being adequately protected as in all wild life.

Concluding remarks - I object to the development of Rosemont Projects. The above issues have not been properly investigated to ensure both people and wild life safety. I object to standard policies being changed to help the mining operation at our expense - progress. As stated the EPA finds Rosemont mitigation plan inadequate. There are other agencies objecting such as Pima County Board of Supervisors. Rt 83 is not adequate to handle excess traffic or the transportation of hazmat materials.

Sincerely -

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