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Dear Southwest Regional FS Office:

I strongly object to the many of the Conclusions Contained in the Final Environmental Impact Statement regarding the Proposed Rosemont Mine. Specifically:

Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice. I am a licensed Arizona Real Estate Broker. My family and I moved to Sonoita 16 years ago. Like many owners of real estate in the Sonoita Area, we firmly believe that if this mine is approved it will dramatically impact home and land values in the Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia Area. People move to this area for the outdoor recreation, wineries and tourist amenities. A mine located on the main artery (highway 83) will severely impact migration to this area and hence Real Estate Values. The FEIS mentions a very conservative decrease in land values. How was that arrived at? How will land owners be compensated for the loss in property values as a direct impact of the mine. I estimate my house and land are worth approximately 600K. Can you reasonably believe that someone on a miners' salary can afford to buy my home? These are questions that need to be studied and addressed.

Tourism **is** the lifeblood of the local economy. If Nature based tourism decreases by "15 to 50 percent" what do you think that does to the pool of potential real estate buyers in the Sonoita area? I believe "tourists" are significantly more affluent than miners. Was there an kind of comprehensive study completed on these issues? And again, where are the reparations for this negative economic impact?

I would ask that these questions be studied and answered in detail. I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you,

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