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To: [FS-objections-southwestern-regional-office](#)
Subject: Objections to Rosemont Mine
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Dear Sirs,

In my protest letter of July 11, 2008 I opposed the mine citing no legal claim of Augusta to 4,000+/- acres of public forrest land under the 1872 Mining law or any other federal law. Nowhere in the final statement is the rejection of the Alternative 1-No Action justified. Alternative 1 states that mineral resources would be available for future development and existing conditions at the project would be maintained. This statement does not explain why the no action alternative is rejected in the face of stated myriad environmental and cultural damage. Laws quoted for justification of the mine allow for the ceding of incidental lands for the mining operation not the huge give away of 4,000 acres for a patented claim of less than 1,000 acres which wrecks colossal, irreparable damage of pristine US Forrest land.

In my protest letter of January 13, 2012 I again protested the rejection of the no action alternative. I also questioned the proven size of the ore body. My objections still stand.

In my protest letter of December 1, 2011 I point out that the recharge area is downstream of of the affected aquifer and would have no beneficial effect. That is still the case. Lastly, the forrest plan has no practical plan to deal with fugitive dust from the new, unproven dry stack method of tailings storage.

Sincerely,

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