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USDA Forest Service
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Attn: Beverly Everson

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Dear Beverly Everson,

I am concerned about the prospect of the Rosemont Copper Mine Company beginning to mine in the Santa Rita Mountains. I have some important questions that need to be answered in this regard:

1. What guarantees can the FS and mining company give us that our water resources won't be degraded from this project?
2. How will Rosemont Copper guarantee the safety of school buses, tourist, and commuter traffic on Highway 83 given that every 10-15 minutes there will be large, heavy vehicles carrying toxic chemicals, explosives and other dangerous materials?
3. What will the cumulative impacts be from this mine and the other proposed mining operations in the vicinity on wildlife, water quality, water quantity, and air quality?
4. How will multiple uses of forest land, such as hiking, biking, birdwatching, camping and many others continue to exist with a mine?
5. How can you justify the use of 2 billion gallons of water a year being used by a mine from a desert aquifer?
6. How can you justify the use of 21,000 acres of forest land for mining and tailings in the Santa Rita Mountains?
7. How can you justify the tearing up of 4000 acres for mining operations?
8. What will be done to protect nearby residents, wildlife, and recreational users in the Coronado National Forest from the impacts of daily blasting?

Thank you for listening. My email address is ahnuit@gmail.com Please let me know what else I can do to bring this potential mining operation to a halt so that the impact on this desert, mountain region is not so harmful.

Respectfully,

Ah'Nuit Nelson