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Subject: NEPA PROCESS/Proposed Rosemont mine/ Health concerns for
neighbors of Rosemont

To Southwestern U.S. Forest Service NEPA Scoping process From Neal Hanna July 11, 2008, Subject Health Issues of Nearby Residents and Impact of Dust emissions from Mine site. I am sixty years old, born in Tucson retired from the Az. DPS and now self employed I live approx, 2.5 miles from the Proposed Rosemont Mine. My house is approx 4 years old on Property we have owned since 1979. We move to VAIL IN 1972, in order to mitigate asthma and other health concerns of my wife and myself. I've installed the latest air filtration equipment on our hvac, to improve the Air Quality inside our home. We have applied sealers to our approx. 3/8 mile driveway and 3/4 inch gravel around the house to assist in reducing wind driven dust emissions. These Precautions along with medications and clean air, allow my wife to manage her breathing difficulties. We are aware of what the Proposed Rosemont mine will do to control dust by attending all meetings sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service Nepa Scoping process and the internet web site for Rosemont mine. Unfortunately we do not believe this will be enough. DRY STACKING will be problematic for my wife and others who have respiratory problems and diseases, especially who live nearby. Dry stacking is new technology and has never been tried on this large of scale. It has been used a few times in REMOTE and UNPOPULATED areas. This area is neither and the repercussions will be far reaching. The reduction in water usage will be beneficial, but on the other side of the coin the wind driven dust emissions will be intolerable for people with respiratory problems. Most residents have moved to the area due to their love and enjoyment of the great outdoors! My spouse's physician has cautioned her about how her condition will worsen, if Proposed mine is approved when the mine goes operational. The Emotional toll is hard on both of us It's hard for me to imagine staying because of mine caused toxic dust, and my wife's health; after spending all our money on our dream home, living in a relative dust free environment. Now we are looking at a probable relocation, due to mine operations. According to several realtors the market in my area is already depressed due to my proximity to the proposed mine. During one of the Informational meetings one of the contractors was asked, if he would live close to a mine; he replied a resounding "NO" ! My question will the mine Mitigate my financial losses by paying for our move, purchasing the property at values consistent with what my residence used to be valued, before new pending mine operations. I'm sure you now have a sense of our dilemma being torn by leaving our dream home and naturally wanting the best for Diane. Thank you and your staff for what you are doing since NEPA is our only HOPE. sincerely Neal and Diane Hanna

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