

**US Forest Service
Public Hearing – Draft Environmental Impact Statement
November 12, 2011**

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING?

The Forest Service is holding this hearing to take public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement they have prepared regarding Rosemont Copper's proposed mine plan of operations.

WHAT SHOULD I SAY?

Start by introducing yourself; say where you live, maybe share how long you have lived in the area and any other information that ties you to the community. Share why you support Rosemont Copper. Use some of the ideas below. Reinforce the message with a personal story or opinion if you like. Don't forget to thank the Forest Service for their hard work and for selecting a preferred alternative that will allow Rosemont Copper to operate.

Rosemont Copper a 21st century mine, giving our community MORE of what we want, and LESS of what we don't.

Less Water

- Through new water recycling practices and other new technologies Rosemont will use less water in its operation than other mines in the area and have a higher yield.
- Rosemont Copper is committed to importing replacement water from the Central Arizona Project Canal to replace the ground water pumped for the project, which will ensure no losses of local groundwater through the life of the project, as well as guaranteeing the health of individual wells in the pumping vicinity.

Less Land

- Rosemont Copper will be among the most efficient mining projects in the world. Compared to other Pima County mines, Rosemont will yield more than double – in some case more than quadruple – the amount of copper per acre, on less than half the land area of other area mines.
- The mine will operate on less than 4,000 acres of the more than 120,000 acres in the Coronado National Forest. When mining operations are complete, in conjunction with Rosemont's reclamation plan, less than 1% of the total land that constitutes the forest will be affected.

More Jobs

- In total, Rosemont Copper will produce an average of 400 direct jobs annually with an average \$59,000 income. In addition, the Arizona State Economic Study anticipates that Rosemont will stimulate an average of 1,700 indirect jobs annually. Over a 20-year period that's 42,000 man-years of work!
- Some may argue that 2,100 jobs aren't that many jobs. Tell that to the construction worker or truck driver that has been out of work for an extended period of time and is trying to put food on the table.
- These jobs will be created in a wide range of industries, from construction and real estate, to manufacturing and all types of services. This means new jobs and increased profits created at the local hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, insurance agents, doctors' offices, and other businesses, resulting in a \$3.3 billion total increase in local personal income.

More Tax Revenue

- Local government will benefit from \$306 million in additional taxes over the lifetime of the mine; that's more than \$19 million a year, which can go toward road improvements, public safety and other critical needs not being met due to the tough economic times we are currently facing.

More Local Spending

- Rosemont is committed to spending its money locally wherever possible. From sourcing local contractors, to employees. It is estimated that Rosemont will spend more than \$1.5 billion while the mine is in operation, resulting in more than \$700 million of local, privately funded, economic stimulus every year the mine operates.

More Reclamation

- Our reclamation plan is truly precedent-setting, taking place concurrently with operations so that it will be nearly complete when the mine reaches the end of its life cycle.
- The plan calls for topsoil to be removed and saved for later use. Slopes will be limited to a natural 18 degrees, and re-vegetated over the course of mine operations using replaced topsoil. Rosemont is presently cooperating with the University of Arizona on scientific investigations to optimize native plant reseeding strategies and plant salvage to ensure a successful, natural reclamation to permanent open space.
- To ensure Rosemont lives up to its financial commitment, bonds will be put in place to cover all costs of reclamation and clean-up prior to the start of construction and operations.