



Coronado National Forest Announces the Completion of the Rosemont Copper Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Pima County, Arizona and the nation received good news today with the Coronado National Forest's press release issued this morning, where they announced the completion of the Rosemont Copper Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. This document will be posted on the [Rosemont EIS website](#), beginning November 29, 2013.

After six long years and more than 400 reports on virtually every aspect of this proposal, Rosemont Copper is one step closer to obtaining all of the permits it requires to begin development of this 21st century mining project.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the professionals at Rosemont Copper and their consultants, whose hard work and adherence to high ethical standards have culminated to bring the mine design and permitting phase of the project to the point where we are today. Job well done.

Secondly, I would also like to recognize the U. S. Forest Service and all of the other federal, state and local government agencies, who have played a role in this controversial process. Your impartial efforts to ensure this state-of-the-art project complies with our nation's laws are appreciated by all.

Thirdly, I thank all of Rosemont Copper's supporters, who have stood behind Rosemont through good times and bad. There are still some challenges ahead so keep up your support and the Rosemont Copper project will one day be a reality.

And finally, I thank the opponents of Rosemont Copper project for their contribution to this process. Although you have not been able to achieve the outcome you hoped for, your efforts

have benefitted our community by making this a better project with the least environmental impact possible.

The Rosemont Copper project represents a new generation of mining operations, which are specifically designed to meet the environmental and social challenges of the 21st century. Unconstrained by the existing infrastructure at many of Arizona's older mining projects, Rosemont Copper will be able take full advantage of currently available technologies and mining practices to minimize its areal footprint and visual impact, conserve water resources and preserve the environment we all enjoy as it produces the copper and molybdenum we require to maintain our standard of living.

I encourage all involved in permitting the Rosemont Copper project to bring this process to its conclusion as expeditiously as possible. Many Arizonans are counting on the employment opportunities this project will provide for our community.

Disclaimer: David F. Briggs is a resident of Pima county and a geologist, who has intermittently worked on the Rosemont Copper project since 2006. The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of Rosemont Copper.

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