

The Rosemont Mine: It's not a done deal. What Citizens Can Do Now...

Contrary to what the proponents of the Rosemont Mine would have you believe, approval to allow this mine is far from a “done deal.” The Forest Service is considering the mine proposal under a myriad of laws and regulations including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA.) Throughout this process, there will be many opportunities for community concerns to be conveyed and considered by policymakers.

Additionally, Congress has the ability to stop this mine through legislation.

As a result, it is important that citizens and the community continually convey their opposition to the proposed Rosemont Mine. Otherwise, there will be the mistaken impression that this community does not care. Below are some suggestions on how you can make your voice heard.

Write Letters

Send a letter to your member of Congress and Arizona's two Senators. Be sure to copy (CC) the rest of the Arizona Congressional Delegation and the President.

Also send a copy to the Chair and ranking member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Send a copy to the members of the Board of Supervisors in the County in which you live. If you live in a city or town, also send it to your Mayor and City/Town Council.

If you are sending a letter on behalf of an organization or company, send the letter on your company, club or corporate stationery by FAX or e-mail. You can include comments you sent to Coronado National Forest as an enclosure or attachment.

Key Points to Consider – Be sure to write the letter in your own words. Below are points to consider.

- Augusta/Rosemont Mine will have unacceptable impacts on the environment, property values, water quality and quantity in Southern Arizona.
- Arizona Game and Fish is opposed: “No matter what the federal government and Augusta Resources do to compensate for the copper mine's effects, the project would bring significant damage to wildlife, habitat and wildlife recreation.”
- The economic benefits of outdoor recreation, tourism, hunting and wildlife viewing far outweigh the economic benefits of mining.

- Mining historically has short-term economic “boom and bust” cycles. Yet the environmental damage is permanent.
- The 1872 Federal Mining Act is woefully inadequate in terms of modern realities, and we support comprehensive reform.

Ask for the courtesy of a reply to know the Representative's or Senator's position on this matter.

Other Action Items

Call the Tucson Congressional District Offices of Reps. Gabrielle Giffords and Raúl Grijalva and thank them for their support and ask what else you can do to help them.

Write Letters to the Editor and opinion pieces stating your views.

SSSR Presentations. Send us names of groups and contact numbers where we can speak. E-mail lisa@scenicsantaritas.org.

Tell the Board of the Green Valley Community Water Company that you don't want Augusta to hijack our precious water to be used for the Rosemont Mine. E-mail those comments to pipeline@communitywater.com

Spread the word that this is NOT A DONE DEAL.

Even the mining industry recognizes that we have many tools to fight this mine.

Important Contact Information and Other Resources

Elected Officials

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)

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Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ)

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To find your Representative:

<https://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.shtml>

Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-07)

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Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-08)

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Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives
<http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/>
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Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-6065 Fax: (202) 225-1931

**Energy and Natural Resources
Committee Office**

U.S. Senate
<http://energy.senate.gov/public/>
304 Dirksen Senate Building
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Pima County Board of Supervisors

<http://www.pima.gov/bos/bos1.html>

**Santa Cruz County Board of
Supervisors**

<http://www.co.santa-cruz.az.us/board/index.html>

USDA / Forest Service Contacts

**EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) Website for the
Rosemont Copper Project**

<http://rosemonteis.us/>

Coronado National Forest

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado/rosemont/index.shtml>

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Green Valley News

<http://gvnews.com/letters/>

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Other Resources

Save the Scenic Santa Ritas - <http://www.scenicsantaritas.org>

Hilton Ranch Road Community Organization - <http://www.hiltonroad.com>

Community Website - <http://www.azhighway83.com/index.html>