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Dear Interested Citizen;

Earlier this year you provided comments on Augusta Resource Corporation's March 1, 2007 Plan of Operations for geotechnical drilling. Because of this, I am notifying you that the corporation withdrew the drilling proposal on June 28, 2007. Their reasoning for the withdrawal was based in part on the ability of their engineering team to complete the feasibility study for the project based on the use of indirect data collection methods (methods such as low impact seismic surveys).

In addition, I would like to notify you that on July 11, Augusta Resource Corporation submitted the Rosemont Copper Project Mine Plan of Operations. The Forest is beginning review of that proposal. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis of the proposed mine will not begin until it is determined that the plan is complete enough to begin such analysis.

Please contact Forest Geologist Beverley Everson at 520.388.8428 or via email at beverson@fs.fed.us if you have questions about these matters.

Sincerely,



KEITH L. GRAVES
District Ranger

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