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Mr. C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator
Pima County
130 W. Congress, Floor 10
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: 14-03-00-0091-O218

Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

As you are aware, over the past few months my staff and I have been carefully reviewing the objections received on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Rosemont Copper Mine Project on the Coronado National Forest.

In my February 28, 2014, letter acknowledging receipt of your objection (objection number referenced above), I stated that my intent was to issue my final written response to all the objections submitted by April 30, 2014. In light of our continuing review of issues raised and our discussions with regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the project and whose actions could potentially influence the outcome of our review of the objections, I have determined that it is necessary to delay my response to the objections until a later date. Although I cannot provide a date certain for issuance of a response to objections, I will strive to issue a response in a timely manner without undue delay.

The regulations at 36 CFR 218.12(a) state that "The responsible official may not sign a ROD...subject to the provisions of this part until the reviewing officer has responded in writing to all the pending objections (see § 218.11(b)(1))." By copy of this letter, I am instructing the Forest Supervisor, Jim Upchurch, that he cannot sign the ROD until I issue my written response to the objections.

Sincerely,


CALVIN N. JOYNER
Regional Forester

cc: Jim Upchurch

