General Committee Information

Each committee has a chairperson, who is elected from the membership of that committee. Committees meet as needed, and all committee meetings are held in Washington, DC or by telephone conference. Committee meetings may be closed if USTR determines that a committee will be discussing issues that justify closing a meeting or portions of a meeting, in accordance with 19 U.S.C. 2155(f). Throughout the year, members are requested to review sensitive trade policy information and provide comments regarding trade negotiations. In addition to their other advisory responsibilities, at the conclusion of negotiations of any trade agreement, all committees are required to provide a report on each agreement to the President, Congress, and USTR.

Committee Membership Information

All committee members are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Secretary and the USTR. Committee appointments are typically for a period of approximately 4 years, but the Secretary and USTR may renew an appointment for an additional term. All committee members must be a U.S. citizen and must represent a U.S. entity with an interest in agricultural trade, and must not be registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Committee members must not be federally-registered lobbyists. To attend most meetings, committee members must have a current security clearance. New members will be guided in how to apply for a security clearance and their appointment will be contingent on successful completion of the investigation. Committee members serve without compensation and are not reimbursed for their travel expenses. No person may serve on more than one USDA advisory committee at the same time unless a specific exception is granted by the USDA Committee Management Officer. No entity may have more than one representative on any single trade advisory committee.

Nominations and Appointment of Members

Nominations for APAC and ATAC membership are open to individuals representing U.S. entities with an interest in agricultural trade without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Equal opportunity practices in accordance with the U.S. Government policies will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Members should have expertise and knowledge of agricultural trade as it relates to policy and commodity specific issues. Members will normally come from entities with an interest in agriculture, and will serve as Representatives, presenting the views and interests of U.S. entities that have interests in the subject matters of the committee. However, should a member be appointed primarily for his or her expertise, and not solely as a representative of an interest group, he or she shall be designated as a Special Government Employee. Special government employees (SGEs) are subject to ethics laws if they are appointed because of their personal knowledge, background, or expertise. USDA will assist SGEs in disclosing their financial interest and will provide ethics training on an annual basis. Appointments are made of individuals only and are not transferable. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association, or other entity has a right to membership on a committee. In making appointments, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation on the committees with representation from producers, farm and commodity organizations, processors, traders, and consumers. Geographical balance on each committee will also be sought.

Nominations: Nominating a person to serve on any of the committees requires submission of a current resume for the nominee and the following form: AD–755 (Advisory Committee Membership Background Information, OMB Number 0505–0001), available on the Internet at: http://www.fas.usda.gov/iftp/apac-atacs/advisorycommittees.asp. A cover letter should also be submitted indicating the specific committee for which the individual is being nominated, why the nominee wants to be a committee member, his or her qualifications for membership, and how the submitter learned about this call for nominations. The cover letter should also include the statements required below related to Federally Registered Lobbyists and Foreign Firms. Forms may also be requested by sending an e-mail to Steffon.Brown@fas.usda.gov, or by phone at (202) 720–6219.

Federally Registered Lobbyists: In order to be considered for advisory committee membership, nominees should submit an affirmative statement that the applicant is not a federally registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that if appointed, the applicant will not be allowed to continue to serve as an advisory committee member they should become a federally registered lobbyist.

Foreign Firms: If the nominee is to represent an entity or corporation with ten percent or greater non-U.S. ownership, the nominee must state the extent to which the organization interest to be represented by the nominee is owned by non-U.S. citizens, organizations, or interests and demonstrate at the time of nomination that this ownership interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as an advisor on the U.S. agriculture advisory committee for trade.

Dated: October 12, 2011.
Suzanne E Heinen,
Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Rosemont Copper Project on the Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District, Pima County, AZ

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA 43 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and the President’s Council on Environmental Quality regulations, the Coronado National Forest announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review. The DEIS discloses the potential environmental impacts of the construction, operation and concurrent reclamation, and closure of an open-pit copper mine in Pima County, Arizona.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting addresses and other options for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress St., Tucson, AZ 85701, or by telephone at (520) 388–8300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coronado National Forest announces
the availability of and public comment period for the Rosemont Copper Project DEIS, which documents and publicly discloses the environmental effects of proposed construction, operation and concurrent reclamation, and closure of an open-pit mine on National Forest System land. The proposed mining project would be located on 995 acres of private land and 3,670 acres of National Forest System land about 30 miles southeast of Tucson, Arizona, within Townships 18 and 19, Ranges 15 and 16, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Pima County, Arizona. Copper, molybdenum, silver, and some gold would be produced.

The Forest Service plans a 90-day public comment period, which begins with the Environmental Protection Agency’s publication of a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. A number of public meetings are planned. Several options for submitting comments are available.

Requirements for commenting, including appeal procedures, may be found at 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 215. Comments received regarding this DEIS are considered part of the administrative record for the NEPA review. Within this context, a commenter’s personally identifiable information, such as name and contact information, may be released to a third-party upon request under the Freedom of Information Act. Comments submitted anonymously, without a name and contact information, will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the commenter with standing to appeal a subsequent decision under 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 215.6(a)(3).

Comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to pages and/or chapters of the DEIS. Comments may address either the adequacy of specific analyses in the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the document or both (refer to CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1503.3). Concerns about predictive methodologies would be best addressed by alternative methodology and an explanation of why this methodology is preferable. General comments and subjective expressions of advocacy or opposition to the project or alternative are not as useful unless they are substantiated by a link to a relevant issue.

Written and oral comments on the DEIS may be submitted during public meetings planned to be held by the Forest Service as noted below. For questions or to request a sign language interpreter, please contact the Coronado National Forest at (520) 388-8300–voice or (520) 388-8403–TTY, dial 711 from a TTY relay for service, or e-mail mailroom_r3_coronado@fs.fed.us prior to the meeting.

1. October 22, 2011, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Desert Diamond Conference Center, 1100 W. Pima Mine Road, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.
2. November 5, 2011, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Elgin Elementary School, 23 Elgin Road, Elgin, AZ 85611 (tentative).
3. November 12, 2011, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Palo Verde High School, 1302 S. Avenida Vega, Tucson, AZ 85710.
4. November 19, 2011, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Empire High School, 10701 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way, Tucson, AZ 85747.
5. December 7, 2011, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Benson High School, 360 S. Patagonia Street, Benson, AZ 85602.
6. January 7, 2012, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Desert Diamond Conference Center, 1100 W. Pima Mine Road, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

The Rosemont Copper Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available for review at http://www.RosemontEIS.us. Written comments on the DEIS are best submitted electronically by accessing http://www.RosemontEIS.us and following the link to “Commenting on the DEIS”. Written comments may also be mailed to Rosemont Comments, P.O. Box 4207, Logan, UT 84323. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (435) 750–8799 and by electronic mail to CoronadoNP@RosemontEIS.us. The subject line of facsimiles and e-mail should include the words “Rosemont Copper Project EIS.” Brief oral comments can be made toll free by calling (888) 654–6646. Copies of the DEIS will also be available for public review at the following locations:

* Nogales Ranger District: 303 Old Tucson Road, Nogales, AZ and
* Coronado National Forest Supervisor’s Office: 300 W. Congress St., 6th Floor, Tucson, AZ.

Authorization: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321–4346); Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); U.S. Department of Agriculture NEPA Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1b); Forest Service NEPA Compliance Regulations (36 CFR 220); Forest Service Notice, Comment, and Appeal Procedures Regulations (36 CFR 215). Certified to be a true copy of the original.

Dated: October 13, 2011.

Jim Upchurch,
Forest Supervisor.
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