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To: FS-objections-southwestern-regional-office

Subject: Resolution Copper Project Mine Final EIS Objection

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Reviewing Official, Regional Forester,

I live on near Superior Arizona. After reviewing the Final EIS document for the Resolution Copper Project I still have the following objections.

- 1. I object to the impact on the water flow in Queen Creek which runs through my property and is 600 ft from my well. The EIS document doesn't address the mitigation for private well impacts both to water quantity and quality from reduced flow in Queen Creek or potential contaminants from the Resolution Mine Operations..
- 2. There was no mention of 3rd party monitoring of Resolution Copper's actual execution of the project. During Resolution Copper's execution of the Hydrological and Geological Study for the tailings location Option 2, contractors hired by Resolution Copper repeatedly failed to comply with commitments made in writing by Resolution Copper during a meeting I attended with USFS leaders and Resolution Copper Representatives to resolve my objections to the study. The commitments were related to impacts to my property. After the study commenced, I had to repeatedly reach out to Niel Bosworth's office to force Resolution Copper to comply with written commitments they made in consideration of my withdrawing the objections to the study. Based on this past behavior, I have great concern with Resolution Copper's intentional or unintentional failure to comply with the project execution plan in the manor documented. Deviation to the plan will change the outcome of the actual impact to the environment. I believe it is imperative there be extensive 3rd party oversight of Resolution Copper's day to day mining operation to ensure compliance to their plan and minimize deviations to the environmental impact.
- 3. The financial assurances outlined in Volume 1, page 77 of the Final EIS are inadequate and the EIS contains no data on estimated costs for Resolution Copper Project's unanticipated impacts.

Finally, I support the The Forest Service identified Alternative 6 (Skunk Camp) as the Lead Agency's preferred alternative for the Resolution Copper Project tailings location.

Sincerely,

