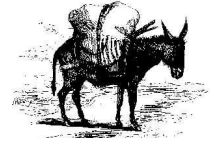

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Annual Meeting and Open House Results

A big "Thank-you" to those who were able to come out and help at the Kentucky Camp annual meeting and open house on October 10th. The weather was very cooperative this year and the guest turn-out was good.

The Desert Gold Diggers were on hand to give their great demo of how to pan for gold. New for this year was a bluegrass music group from the Desert Bluegrass Association. They provided some great background music for much of the day. The Friends volunteers did a great job of giving site and building tours, leading the Boston Gulch hike (Thanks Bill!) and manning the fundraising booth.

The new approach for having guests bring a picnic lunch seemed to work out pretty well.



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Guests appreciated the live Bluegrass music and supported our efforts with plenty of t-shirt, mug and card purchases.



John Weiss cooks-up hamburgers for the Bluegrass performers.



Everyone enjoyed the picnic-style lunch arrangements. Next year we may need more picnic tables!



Youngsters enjoyed finding specks of gold.



The Desert Bluegrass musicians were a big hit for the volunteers and guests. They provided period background music for much of the day.

The Rosemont Mine

Not far from Kentucky Camp, about 8 miles as the crow flies, a new open-pit copper mine may soon be built.

The site of this proposed mine is near Rosemont Junction, just west of Highway 83, midway between the I-10 and Sonoita, and would be called the Rosemont Copper Project. Owner and operator of this venture is Augusta Resource Corporation.

The project would be located on approximately 4,415 acres of land, including of 995 acres of private land, 3,330 acres of land administered by the National Forest, 15 acres of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, and 75 acres of Arizona State Land Department State Trust land.

Approximately 75,000 tons per day of ore and between 195,000 and 267,000 tons of waste rock would be mined each day from the 1.2-square-mile pit. In addition to the mine, leaching, processing and support facilities would include a mill, a heap-leach facility, a solvent extraction electrowinning plant, waste rock storage areas, and a dry-stack tailing disposal area. Annual production from these facilities would be approximately 230 million pounds of copper, 5 million pounds of molybdenum, and 3.5 million ounces of silver and would be sustained over the estimated 19-year life of the mine. The proposed waste rock storage areas would be on National Forest system land located southeast, east, and northeast of the open pit.

Per a report by the WestLand Resources, Inc. (Tucson consultants for Augusta), shipments of copper concentrate, sulfuric acid, pebble lime, mill balls, diesel fuel, copper cathodes, ammonium nitrate, reagents, explosives, fuels and oils will use State Route 83 as the route to/from local smelters in Arizona or to rail sidings for shipments to the west coast. The mine would employ between 250 and 500 employees.

If approved, Rosemont would become the third or fourth largest copper mine in the United States, and company officials say it could account for 10 percent of this country's copper production.

In July 2007, Rosemont Mining Company submitted to the Coronado National Forest a Mine Plan of Operations for the mining and processing of ore at the mine. A draft Environmental Impact Study by the National Forest was expected to be completed by March 2009.

However, the EIS deadline has been delayed twice because of complex, controversial issues surrounding the project, including water supplies, water pollution, air quality, traffic, effects on Indian ruins and other cultural resources, and effects on wildlife habitat. The Forest Service will consider a number of alternatives in its environmental review, the agency said in a press release on Nov. 23, 2009. Besides Rosemont's original 2007 mining plan, these alternatives will include partial backfilling of the open pit, an option that would incorporate comments from various reviewing agencies and a "no action" alternative that would mean no mine. The NFS will release an environmental analysis of the proposed Rosemont Mine in April 2010, about a year later than it originally planned. The Forest Service also plans to make a decision on the mine during the last three months of 2010 — up to six months later than an earlier planned decision date of July 2010.

For more information about the mine and its impact on the region, please go to the Kentucky Camp Website, and click on [Related Links](#):

<http://kentuckycamp.org>

This article includes data from the National Forest's document: SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT MINE PLAN OF OPERATIONS, 2007, and The Arizona Daily Star's article dated November 23, 2009.



2009 Accomplishments

As we finish-up another year of rehabilitation work at Kentucky Camp, it's rewarding to look back at what we've accomplished. Here are some of the key accomplishments for the year:

- Painted ceilings, window trim and doorway trim in the Headquarters building
- Replaced crown molding in Blue Room and Office in the Headquarters building
- Installed remaining doors and hardware in the Headquarters building
- Installed a solar shower pulley and hoist system in both of the shower stalls.
- Applied for (and received!) a Forest Service Sustainability Microgrant which was used to install a solar hot water heater for the caretaker's trailer
- Applied for a "5% grant" from the "Rooms with a View" Cabin Rental board. If successful, this grant would be used for constructing a new, permanent caretaker's residence to replace the trailer.
- Planned and ran the annual open house and annual meeting in October



2010 Dates to Remember

A new year is upon us, so get out your pencil and mark your calendar for key important events at Kentucky Camp.

- January 9, Saturday - Work Day
- February 13, Saturday - Work Day
- March 6, Saturday - The 2010 Old Pueblo 50 Mile Endurance Run
- March 13, Saturday - Work Day
- April 10, Saturday - Work Day
- May 8, Saturday - Work Day
- June 12, Saturday - Work Day
- July 10, Saturday - Work Day
- August 14, Saturday - Work Day
- September 11, Saturday - Work Day
- October 9, Saturday - Annual Board of Director's Meeting and Open House
- November 13, Saturday - Work Day
- December 11, Saturday - Work Day

We're tentatively planning for an April PIT-Like event. We have several projects in mind that would be suitable for a week-long venue:

- Replace tongue-and-groove floor in the bathroom of the Headquarters building
- Investigate remains of lean-to building next to Gold Processing building.
- Continue scanning site photos and slides for archives



New Web Site for Friends of Kentucky Camp

You may have noticed that the Friends of Kentucky Camp web site became "unavailable" last summer. It was out of service for several months due to difficulties that our internet web hosting service was experiencing. That service was free to us and the web site was eventually restored in October, but the extended outage was unacceptable at any price.

At the October annual meeting, the board of directors decided to establish a modest budget to pay for a reliable and fully supported web hosting service.

Our VP and web master, John Weiss, researched options, selected our new web hosting service and has quickly restored the Friends of Kentucky Camp web site. In the process, he established a much easier to remember web address:

<http://www.kentuckycamp.org/>

John has continued to improve the site with new links to related sites, electronic newsletters and a comment form.

Please take a few minutes to check-out the new site and update your web browser's bookmark.

Our next work day at Kentucky Camp is Saturday, December 12th. We'll be doing some light maintenance and addressing some of the safety improvements suggested by the Forest Service safety officer.



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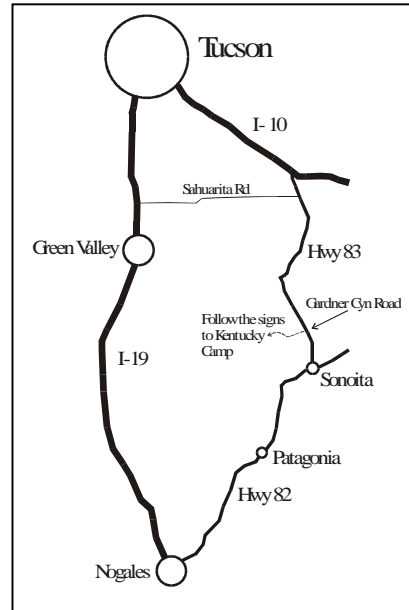
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