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## **Alternatives Report for Pinto Valley Mine Project Available Online**

**PHOENIX, June 26, 2019 — For Immediate Release** – The Forest Service has completed a report that documents the agency’s alternative development process for the Pinto Valley Mine project.

The public can review or download the Alternatives Report from the project website:

<http://www.pintovalleymineeis.us/public.html>. The report outlines the alternatives development process as well as alternatives selected for detailed analysis.

According to Forest Service Project Manager Judd Sampson, staff from the Tonto National Forest continue preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate a Mining Plan of Operations submitted by Pinto Valley Mining Corp., for the Pinto Valley Mine.

“As part of this EIS process, the Forest Service is required to investigate a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed action described in the Mining Plan of Operations,” Sampson explained. “The Alternatives Report describes how we developed the alternatives for the Pinto Valley Mine EIS.”

The proposed action would consolidate prior permitted activities reasonably incident to extraction, transportation, and processing of copper and molybdenum on National Forest System lands, expand existing mining operations from private lands on to National Forest System lands, and extend the existing Pinto Valley Mine’s life to 2039.

Pinto Valley Mine is located approximately 8 miles west of Miami, Arizona, in Gila County. The proposed project would result in an estimated 1,011 acres of new disturbance – 245 acres on National Forest System land and 766 acres on private land.

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