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Comment period expires January 27 for Pinto Valley Mine project

PHOENIX, January 22, 2020 — For Immediate Release. Interested parties have until Jan. 27 to submit comments regarding the Forest Service's findings outlined in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Pinto Valley Mine project.

The public can submit comments by:

- Email to comment@pintovalleymineeis.us
- Postal mail addressed to Tonto National Forest, Pinto Valley Mine EIS Comments, 2324 E McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85006

Note that mail must be postmarked by Jan. 27.

The Forest Service encourages substantive comments, which are most useful when they:

- Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the EIS
- Question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analyses
- Present new information relevant to the analyses
- Present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EIS
- Suggest changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives

The DEIS and other references are available at: <http://www.pintovalleymineeis.us/>.

The mining plan of operations submitted by Pinto Valley Mining Corp. proposes to expand existing open-pit copper and molybdenum mining operations from private lands onto National Forest System lands. The proposal would extend the mine life to 2039 and consolidate prior authorizations that are reasonably incident to mining and processing of mineral resources. Expansion is estimated to produce 2.4 billion pounds of copper and 23.7 million pounds of molybdenum from 2020 to 2039. Copper is heavily used in industrial, agricultural and energy applications and is a common component of electronics.

The Tonto National Forest prepared this DEIS to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental effects from approval of the preliminary mining plan of operations.

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