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Timeline For Rosemont Record of Decision & Implementation Roll-out

This document depicts the communication strategy for the roll-out of the Coronado National Forest, Rosemont Mine Record of Decision (ROD). The actual date of the signing of the ROD has not been determined so days are depicted as -/+ days from signing the ROD (D 0).

Signing the ROD is the NEPA decision and is not authorization and/or a permit to operate. Once the ROD has been signed approval to operate through the final mine plan of operations (MPO) will require changes and additions to the preliminary MPO that are necessary to meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations; these changes will be incorporated into a final MPO. Approval of the final MPO will be the authorization to begin operations.

Key Steps Before the ROD is Signed

- Meet with CEQ and EPA to identify key issues related to potential referral (D-32)
- Notice of Availability published in Federal Register Publication by Forest Service (D-28)
- Meet with the affected Tribes – Approximately 14 days before the ROD is signed (D-14)
- Conference call with CEQ and Federal Family (D–1)

Key Communication Steps After the ROD is Signed

- Direct Phone Call to the Tribes (D 0)
- Notification Letters are mailed to 101 eligible objectors (D 0)
- Notification Letters are mailed to 17 cooperating agencies, hard copy and email (D 0)
- Post ROD to website (D 0)
- Post Questions and Answers to the website (D 0)
- Newspaper legal notice and News Release published (D +3)

Key Steps After the ROD is Signed Prior to Mine Plan of Operation Approval (6 months to 1 year)

- Incorporate the ROD requirements into the Mine Plan of Operation and submit to the Forest
- Develop a reclamation plan, calculate a bond and receive the bond amount from the company
- Ensure that the company has Clean Water Act certifications

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