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Hello Mary,

In response to EIS action item (EIS-262) to “*Provide information on logistical concerns regarding train and filter plant*” please see below. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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RC Response

The general plan of operations (GPO) proposed and the Draft EIS evaluated (as the proposed action) a filter plant and load-out facility located near Magma Junction near San Tan Valley, Arizona. The copper concentrate pipeline to the filter plant would be located along an existing, previously disturbed right-of-way known as the MARRCO corridor. The MARRCO corridor would also host other mine infrastructure (Draft EIS, page 9).

Comments during scoping and the DEIS suggested alternative locations, or use of the rail line for tourists along the MARRCO corridor. These comments raise significant safety and logistical concerns. Specifically, the location for the plant near the Magma Junction together with buried pipelines along the MARRCO corridor, was proposed to minimize interference with local traffic and recreationists. The buried pipeline would avoid any possible rail to vehicle interaction or rail to person interaction as the proposed pipeline crosses multiple recreational and Forest roads, the Arizona Trail, US60, and SR79. The corridor also passes in close proximity to residences at Hewitt Station Road. Safety and logistical concerns make the proposed buried pipeline safer and more practical than co-location of tourist and commercial uses on the MARRCO corridor suggested by some comments.

Approval and construction of the proposed action does not foreclose potential other uses of the corridor in the future after sufficient discussion and analysis to address safety issues. Resolution Copper would work with the Town of Superior and other stakeholders if such uses were proposed in the future.

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