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SCOPING NOTICE

PLAN OF OPERATION FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION, QUARTZ DREAMS, NOGALES RANGER DISTRICT

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Coronado National Forest:

I am writing today to let you know that the Coronado National Forest (Forest) is considering a request by a private firm for approval of a plan of operations (PoO) to conduct a minerals exploration project. Quartz Dreams has requested approval of the PoO under the authority of the Mining Act of 1872 (30 U.S.C. 22-54). The proposed project area is located about nine miles northwest of the town of Sonoita in Pima County, Arizona. The legal land description is Section 23, Township 19 South, Range 15 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian (see enclosed map).

With this Scoping Notice, I am providing a description of the proposed action and inviting your comments on the scope of the upcoming National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of the proposal. Your response to this notice will play a vital role in this review. Information on how and when to comment is provided below.

PROPOSED ACTION

The Forest proposes to approve implementation of a PoO submitted by Quartz Dreams to collect mineral samples for assay and testing.

Activities would be conducted both on the surface and within an existing shaft. Before exploration begins, the shaft would be pumped to remove standing water. After the bottom of



the shaft has been exposed, surface and underground explosives (Micro Blasters™) would be activated to fracture the rock. In the shaft, either a battery- or air-powered drill would be used to create 5/16 by 9 inch holes in the walls for placement of Micro Blaster. On the surface, trenches would be dug to obtain samples following fracturing by detonators. Up to 200 detonations would be allowed during exploration.

The PoO would authorize the removal of up to five tons of sample material. Work would be conducted intermittently, primarily on weekends. Activation of Micro Blasters would occur only during daylight hours. Ancillary activities would require the use of metal-detecting equipment, dry washing, sluicing, and the use of wet concentrating equipment. Water would be transported to the site in a truck for use in certain activities. Processed water would be hauled off-Forest for disposal. Mineral samples would also be transported off-Forest for assay.

Hand tools, such as picks, rakes, brushes, brooms and shovels, would be used along with gold pans, sluices, recirculation sluices, wet concentrators, electric-powered vacuums, generators and Micro Blasters. The only chemicals required for the implementation of the PoO would be oil and gasoline to fuel engines. During inclement weather, a tarp would be placed over the shaft to protect the site. A pop-up shelter may be set up, then removed, on a daily basis.

Upon completion of the project, the site would be reclaimed. Reclamation activities would include the filling of trenches and pits with on-site waste material. The road to the site would be blocked with large rocks to prevent unauthorized access.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The Forest Service values public input as part of its NEPA process. You are encouraged to submit comments regarding the proposed action and the scope of the NEPA analysis of this project¹. To receive full consideration and to best assist the Forest Service in this effort, your comments should be submitted to us within 30 days of your receipt of this notice, or before January 15, 2010.

Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to Mr. Karl Sandwell-Weiss, Minerals Resource Geologist, Coronado National Forest, Supervisor's Office, 300 West Congress Street, Tucson, AZ 85701; by facsimile to his attention at (520) 388-8305; and by electronic mail (email) to comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us. You may submit email comments in the following formats: text of your email, in a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) attachment, or in rich-text format (.rtf). Please identify your facsimile and email comments with "Quartz Dreams NEPA" in the subject line.

¹ *Comments and personally identifying information associated with them, such as names and addresses, become part of the administrative record of this NEPA review. This information is available to a third-party upon request under the authority of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If you do not wish for your personal information to be released in response to a FOIA request, you may choose not to include it with your comments. Or, you may request an exemption from FOIA with your comment submittal. Should you choose the latter, you will be informed by the Forest Service as to whether or not your request qualifies for an exemption. If it does not, you will be offered an opportunity to resubmit your comments without personal information or to withhold them.*

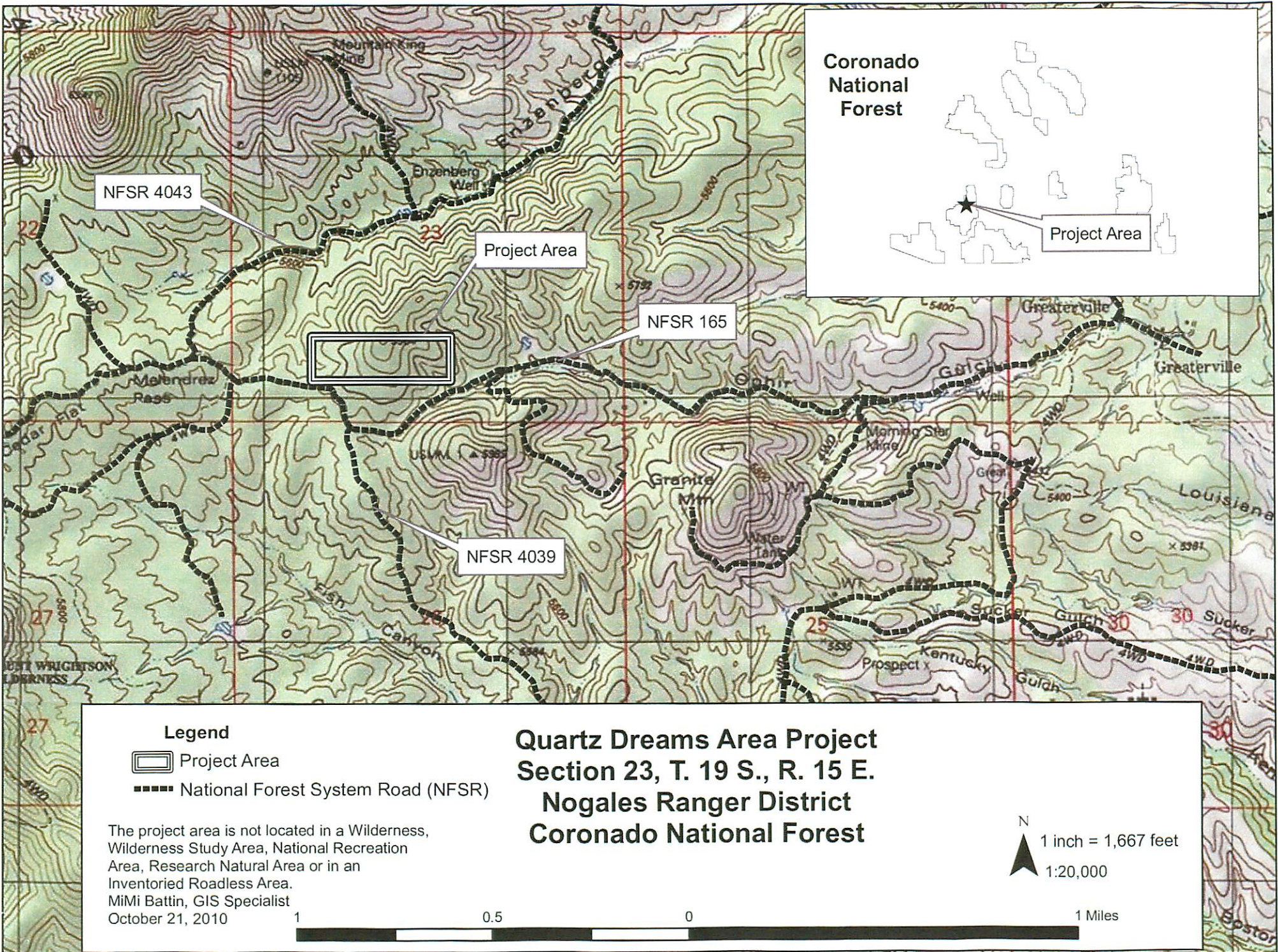
To provide telephone or in-person comments and for further information, please contact Mr. Sandwell-Weiss at (520) 388-8348 or visit the Forest Supervisor's office at the address above between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Questions on the NEPA process may be directed to Ms. Andrea W. Campbell, Forest NEPA Coordinator, at (520) 388-8352.

Thank you for your interest and participation in activities of the Coronado National Forest.



JIM UPCHURCH
Forest Supervisor

cc: Karl Sandwell-Weiss, Rachel A Carroll



Coronado National Forest

Project Area

NFSR 4043

Project Area

NFSR 165

NFSR 4039

Legend

-  Project Area
-  National Forest System Road (NFSR)

The project area is not located in a Wilderness, Wilderness Study Area, National Recreation Area, Research Natural Area or in an Inventoried Roadless Area.
 MiMi Battin, GIS Specialist
 October 21, 2010

**Quartz Dreams Area Project
 Section 23, T. 19 S., R. 15 E.
 Nogales Ranger District
 Coronado National Forest**

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