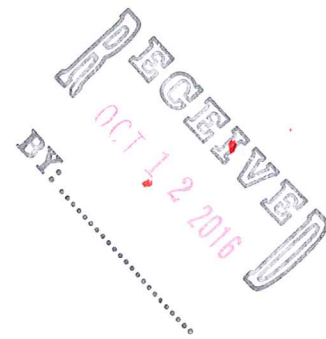


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Celeste Kinsey, District Ranger, Sierra Vista Ranger District  
Coronado National Forest  
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Dear District Ranger Kinsey,

Regarding the proposed Arizona Minerals, Inc. (AMI), Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling Project. I live across a mountain pass on Flux Canyon Road and close enough to the AMI project on their own land, and public land to be materially impacted by their work. I share use of Flux Canyon Road, adjacent public lands and my well draws from the aquifer fed by Flux and Alum Creeks that could be contaminated by acid mine discharge from the 100+ year old workings as well as the activities of AMI. Unlike others that may comment on this project, I have real "Skin in the game".

I am in full support of the AMI Plan of Operations for their exploratory drilling project. AMI has shown good stewardship in their land use. I consider them a good neighbor. They are quiet, respectful of their neighbors, tidy, and are careful to minimize disturbances on public lands. Their past remediation projects on their own land are without equal. I have no doubt they will leave the small disturbances on public land in better condition than when they started.

I hear a lot of concern about their use of water from their own wells and the impact on the water resources for the Town of Patagonia. AMI is careful in its harvesting and use of water and I don't see this to be a problem and or a concern for approving their Plan of Operation. The links between watersheds in the project area and the Town of Patagonia have not been scientifically proven.

I see the impact on land, people and animals living on or near the public lands to be used in this project to be tiny and insignificant. Some have concern about noise from the machinery and use of lights at night but living in the area I also consider this to be insignificant.

I am pleased that AMI has committed in taking real action (versus hand wringing and complaining) to create a long term remediation solution to the water discharges from the Trench mine property and discharge into Alum Creek and I am confident they will implement a workable and long term compliant solution.

The cumulative impacts to public land will not be significant, and after remediation of the road and drill sites we will see a net reduction of cumulative impact from those made over the past 100+ years. Because of the small size of the exploratory drilling project I do not believe that a Environmental Impact Statement should be required.

I urge you to approve the AMI Hermosa-Taylor Drilling project Plan of Operation after completing a Environmental Assessment (EA) level of review.

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