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Southwestern Regional Forester
via email

RE: CNF Hermosa Critical Minerals Project

I am Carolyn Shafer, a 30 year resident of Santa Cruz County living in Patagonia. On June 22, 2025 I submitted my comments on the Draft EIS. I hereby submit my comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Hermosa Critical Minerals Project ("Hermosa FEIS").

"The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations." is stated on the [USDA Forest Service website](#).

You have failed your stated mission based on the Hermosa FEIS and DROD.

I hereby reference and incorporate the comments filed by Patagonia Area Resource Alliance on behalf of numerous conservation organizations.

The Forest Service must not take any action until a revised FEIS and revised DROD demonstrates full compliance with each and every law, regulation, policy, and Executive Order noted therein. The Regional Forester must withdraw the FEIS and DROD with instructions to the Coronado National Forest to correct all errors noted herein before the Agency can consider approving or taking any actions.

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