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Comments: John Duncan, M.S. Consulting Geologist 3579 N 2500 W Cedar City UT 84721 September 23, 2016 Celeste Kinsey, District Ranger, Sierra Vista Ranger District Coronado National Forest ATTN: Minerals & Geology Staff 300 W. Congress St . 6th Floor Tucson, AZ 85701 Re: Arizona Minerals, Inc. (AMI), Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling Project Dear Ms. Kinsey, I am writing to express my support for Arizona Minerals, Inc. (AMI) and its proposed drilling project in the Sierra Vista Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest near Patagonia. AMI has discovered an important and valuable mineral deposit on its patented holdings in the Harshaw District. This deposit undoubtedly extends beneath adjacent National Forest land held under claim by AMI. In my opinion, having worked in the minerals business for thirty years, this is already a world-class deposit, even though its full extent is as yet unknown. It should be developed diligently into a mine that will help to satisfy this country's resource needs and contribute positively to the local and national economies. The benefits to the local economy of the current exploration program are obvious even to the most casual observer, and responsible development of the deposit will yield much greater benefits for decades to come. Through my association with AMI as a consultant, which goes back to 2011, I can attest that AMI and its contractors take great care to do their work responsibly and safely. AMI's drilling plan is designed to keep impact on Forest land to a minimum, and is unlikely to be noticed at all--especially in the context of ongoing work on adjacent private land. The proposed drilling project should be approved without further fuss or delay. The National Forests are an important resource and should be managed for the benefit of all Americans. In this case, the benefits of developing an important mineral resource under the Forest far outweigh the minor surface degradation that will result. Sincerely, John Duncan