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Comments: The purpose of this letter is to ask for further analysis of the proposed action: Hermosa-Taylor drilling project by Arizona Mining (AMI) in the Patagonia Mountains, Coronado National Forest.

Environmental Impacts caused by Connected Actions:

Any actions AMI conducts on their private land that supports the proposed actions within the project area are "Connected Actions" and should be evaluated as related environmental impacts. Examples of Connected Actions from the submitted Plan of Operations by AMI include but are not limited to:

Section 4.1.2 Access to Exploration Drill Pads within the Project Area: "Initial routes of travel to the proposed drill locations from the staging area will use existing roads that have been developed by AMI on their private land."

Section 4.3.1 "General: An existing previously disturbed area on land within AMI's Alta Lot No. 38A will be used as a staging area for the Project. Two additional existing previously disturbed areas on land within AMI's Alta Lot No. 38A will be used for the stockpiling of materials (Figure 3). Existing roads on AMI land connect the staging area to the proposed temporary low - standard access roads."

4.3.2. Mineral Exploration Drilling Methods: Drill cores from the exploration drill sites will be boxed and moved to a processing area on AMI - owned land for further evaluation. The drilling supplies and equipment associated with exploration drilling will be stored at the staging area.

4.3.7. Water Supply during Drilling: Water needed for use in drilling the exploration drill holes will be obtained from an existing water well located on AMI's private land (Figure 3). Water will be stored in existing distribution tanks on AMI's private land and supplied by gravity to the exploration drill sites via 2-inch-diameter high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe that will be laid along AMI private lands, FR5521, and temporary low-standard access roads (Figure 3).

As stated above, these are examples and not a complete list. Each instance of Connected Action listed in the Plan of Operations needs to be further evaluated and analyzed in order to determine the related environmental impacts and plans put in place to mitigate those impacts.

Thank you for your consideration,

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