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Attn: Minerals and Geology Staff

re: Hermosa-Taylor

Greetings,

Please analyze the following questions and points:

A) What are the effects of the scouring for roads and exploration pads for this project to both the biological and botanical microscopic life, and other life forms further up the entire food chain? How will these impacts be reversed to the disturbed area once mineral exploration is complete? What is the detailed plan for restoration?

B) What would be the impacts of Mycoremediation on this site (as a preliminary source please review Paul Stamets' book Mycelium Running - Page 84 for starters.)? What would be the benefits of retarding water runoff with Mycoremediation? What would be the benefits to soil life and botanical life in these scoured sites using Mycoremediation?

C) The Arizona Department of Transportation digs up almost all of the perennials in its earth disturbing projects and replants and waters them until the transplants are reestablished. What would be the benefits to the disturbed areas if this practice were applied for this project?

D) Please review the road closures and detail under what authority the Coronado National Forest (CNF) has closed roads used by hikers, hunters, birders and other recreational users? What authority can the CNF site to grant the free use and right of way to Arizona Minerals (AMI) of a National Forest Service Road (FR 5521) for AMI's exclusive use to AMI's exploration sites while denying the public the use of a right of way to public lands and FR 5521? Please cite those authorities.

For the past 20 years I have hiked extensively throughout the area and particularly in the Patagonia Mountains. I have yet to find a road that has been rehabilitated. If anything at all the practice seems to be at best, toss out some seed and walk away. If a knowledgeable representative of the Coronado National Forest would enlighten me as to where there has been an appropriate restoration of a road within its jurisdiction, please enlighten me.

Sincerely,

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