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Comments: I live in Phoenix, but have built a home in Duquesne Arizona, approximately 10 miles further south than the proposed mining operations along Harshaw Road. I drive through the existing drilling operations on a weekly basis.

I would urge the Forest Service to deny Hermosa-Taylor permission to expand their drilling operations onto public land in the Coronado National Forest.

In my opinion, Hermosa-Taylor has not been responsible in their use of their own land, let alone could be expected to be responsible stewards of public lands. They have posted threatening signs along Harshaw Road (in violation of Santa Cruz county regulations) concerning the use of cell phones and cameras, they have gated county roads, and the drilling crews regularly speed along Harshaw Road and have on many occasions nearly run me off the road. The clouds of dust from the road that Hermosa-Taylor is supposed to be watering on a regular basis are stifling. The increased and reckless traffic on Harshaw Road has prompted many of the ranchers to post their own signs urging people to slow down and watch for cattle. In terms of the actual drilling operations, Hermosa-Taylor has scarred the land to clear pads for drilling, and anyone driving down the road can see the erosion from the pads and roads they have cut on their land. I do not feel that Hermosa-Taylor should be allowed to further impact the land, the residents along Harshaw Road, and people like me who drive through the area.