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Comments: The values at stake in this proposed mining project are far beyond the economics of copper or silver resource development. What is at steak for residents who live within reach of this project is enormous:

Loss of aesthetic integrity: The environmental and social damages from the advent of mining activities will fragment the beauty around which most local residents chose to build their homes and lives. It will devalue our real estate, but more importantly, it will disrupt the quality of our lives.

Loss of business for tourism related interests: For myself personally, the economic impact is guaranteed. As an artist who also operates a vacation rental, the prospect of mining activities creates a detriment to my audience for both fields of work. People come fro all over the world to visit my studio, in part because it is in one of the last remaining pristine corners of the United States. This value can not be restored or replaced.

Environmental Impacts: The sound, destruction of the earth, problematic tailing disposal issues will al degrade the resource, and further threaten the survival of species that use these mountains for migratory corridor. This landscape has far greater value in tact, and that value will continue to increase over time. This shortsighted exploitation of one aspect of the resource would diminish the longterm economic potential for the actual residents of the region.

Night Skies: Light pollution will destroy the ability for all to enjoy the night skies.

Increased Road Traffic: the presence of ore trucks will overburden our scenic road system. Pollution from deisel trucks is toxic for me - resulting in migraine headaches, (physical injury), which result in lost time working, which results in economic loss. I left the Tucson Valley when the automobile emissions bevame intolerable for me. The thought of introducing this kind of vehicular emission down here, in this currently clean environment, is simply toxic. Who will compensate me when I can not work ?

I urge the reviewers of these comments to realize that we have far greater values in the land as a whole than we do in this kind of resource extraction. The antiquated mining law is no longer in accordance with modern day reality. If they want to use that law to develop this claim, they should do it with a pick and shovel. There are many residents here whose livelihoods and personal well being will be disastrously injured by the activities of mining. We do not want our lives and homes sacrificed for the external exploitation of any mining company.

Respectfully submitted,
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