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Comments: I am writing to urge the Forest Service to move the San Antonio project from "Categorical Exclusion" to "Environmental Assessment." The mining company's plan of operation omits critical data--including the number of people living in the area, the presence of a local school whose young students must cross Duquesne Road (proposed for use by big mining trucks), and details about the project's water usage. I mountain-bike down Duquesne Road regularly and can assure you that it is a twisting, occasionally one-lane road that in no way can handle mine traffic. I often see Border Patrol trucks there, and they may be traveling at high rates of speed. The Barksdale plan of operation also uses old surveys and research. Recent data show that the federally endangered yellow-billed cuckoo lives in the project area, as may the Sonoran Tiger Salamander. I urge the Forest Service not to let this company degrade our land, water resources, and wildlife and ruin the chance that Arizonans and others have for peaceful recreation like hiking, biking, birding, and horseback riding.