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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed sale of National Forest Land in the Patagonia Mountains, Arizona. The sale would support the Hermosa mining project, which would lead to considerable damage in the mountains and collateral damage in neighboring areas.

Please do not approve this sale. This area is of considerable beauty and the home to incredible biodiversity, including threatened and endangered species. These are more important to the country than the minerals that would be extracted with much destruction. The area is now widely used by outdoor enthusiasts from around the world because of its natural beauty and the attraction of the possibility of seeing the incredible wildlife. These are the kinds of areas in the U.S. that are becoming fewer and fewer over time and which should be preserved rather than destroyed.