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Comments: Dear Coronado National Forest:

I am a resident of the town of Patagonia and I am writing to express my concern and to state that I am wholeheartedly against the proposed Small Tracts Act sale of National Forest land to Arizona Minerals, Inc. for the Hermosa mining project. I am against any expansion of the mining operations here - and their purchase of this public land would clearly be for the purpose of expanding their operations.

As I imagine you of course already know, the Patagonia Mountains are an ecologically sensitive area and the sale of this land will likely result in a significant cumulative impact on the area, therefore it should not be approved. The Patagonia Mountains are home to many threatened and endangered species and I believe that before the sale can be approved, the Forest Service should have to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding how the potential sale would impact the already threatened and endangered species and their critical habitats.

Further, if this proposed Small Tracts Act sale were to go through, access to, use, and enjoyment of National Forest land by the general public will be unduly impeded and restricted.

In addition, the Patagonia Mountains have been home to multiple Indigenous people groups for thousands of years, and the Forest Service should first consult with any Indian Tribes that attach religious or cultural significance to the sites prior to approving the proposed sale.

I hereby reference comments filed by Patagonia Resource Alliance and include those comments as issues of concern for me individually.

Thank you for your time.