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Comments: Dear Coronado National Forest:

The proposed Small Tracts Act sale of National Forest land to Arizona Minerals, Inc. is directly tied to the Hermosa mining project; it will facilitate the mine's operations in an ecologically sensitive area and 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 the Forest Service needs to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the potential sale's impacts on all affected threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitats before the sale is to be approved.

I see no benefit to the Coronado Forest to approve this project and plenty of drawbacks. This mine will destroy any recreational ability to use the Forest over a wide area. It has lighting, pollution, water usage and represents a major industrial incursion into an area that thousands of people use every year.

Please deny this sale. Absolutely deny it.