

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/30/2021 12:51:11 AM

First name: Lynn

Last name: Davison

Organization:

Title:

Comments: August 29, 2021

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, currently under development in the Patagonia Mountains. The Hermosa site is in an ecologically sensitive area and the purchase of this property would allow the mine to completely control a route for trucks transporting ore from the mine. The Hermosa Mine and supporting road development would likely result in a significant cumulative impact on the area. See below.

The Patagonia Mountains are home to many threatened and endangered species and the Forest Service should 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 any decision on the sale of the tracts. The Patagonia Mountains have also been home to many Indigenous groups so the Forest Service should consult with regional Tribes that may attach religious or cultural significance to the sites prior to any decision on sale of the tracts.

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 would be restricted. The Patagonia Mountains have long been used for public recreation by residents from all over Arizona and many people also travel from far and wide to enjoy the natural beauty, wildlife, hiking, mountain biking, off-roading, and camping that the area has to offer.

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

As a resident of the State of Arizona and the Town of Patagonia, I strongly urge the National Forest Service not approve the Small Tracts Act sale of National Forest land to Arizona Minerals, Inc.

Sincerely,

Lynn Davison

PO Box 392

Patagonia, AZ 85624

206-276-2019