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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 mines operations in an ecologically sensitive area & 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 & endangered species & Forest Service needs to consult with US Fish & Wildlife service regarding the potential sales impacts on all affected threatened & endangered species & their designated critical habitats before the sale is even considered.

Further, if this proposed Small Tracts sale were to go through, access to, use & enjoyment of National Forest land by the general public will be unduly impeded & restricted. The Patagonia Mts have long been used for public recreation by residents from all over Arizona & many people come from far & wide to enjoy the natural beauty, wildlife, hiking, mountain biking, off roading & camping the area has to offer.

In addition, the Patagonia Mts have been home to multiple indigenous people groups for thousands of years & Forest Service should first consult with any Indian Tribes that attach religious or cultural significance to the sites prior to considering such a sale.

Any sale of this sort is the thin end of the wedge where Australian Mining Company South 32 are attempting to gobble up as much land as possible in these Mts to extend their mining interests to a degree that will destroy everything this unique & extraordinary area has to offer.

I hereby reference comments filed by PARA & include those comments as issues of great concern to me personally.