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I have worked at many mines over the years. 90% of mines out there are much larger, with open pits leaving a much larger footprint. We call this pristine wilderness, but some would argue that the desert in Arizona is pristine wilderness also. There the mines are much more visual. If you get a chance watch "Morenci AZ drone fly over" on you tube. Here we are very lucky to have such an amazing PGM vein structure. Here our surface disturbance is so much smaller as we are lucky to be able to back fill and even have truck shops underground. Why does it take so long for mine permitting when supply warehouse permits and other business permits such as electric vehicle manufacturing facilities (that require mining for metals) and huge subdivisions are achieved within months. They have a much larger footprint and impact ecosystems such as desert tortoise and burrowing owls in Az or prairie dogs here further north.

Comparing this mine to other mines and other businesses demonstrates how well every single aspect of this mine was designed for low environmental impact. Not just as a foundation to start out with, but in every target, goal, or step of the way we maintain or improve the parameters we designed. I also feel that it is imperative that we remember or realize the importance of critical metals and how they will impact the changes this country will face within the next few years.

Thank you

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