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Comments: As a resident of Santa Cruz County I am adamantly opposed to South 32 and the Hermosa Project. One only has to view their abysmal environmental record around the world to doubt that this project will be any different. They say this is "new mining"-meaning most of what they propose is untried and they really don't know if it will work or not. The residents of Patagonia will be the "guinea pigs" who stand to lose their water supply and entire way of life.

Southeast Arizona is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the United States. To think that millions of gallons of water taken from the aquifer and then discharged into Harshaw Creek(which has NEVER seen that volume) won't be harmful to the environment is idiotic. 24 hour operations, noise, lights, truck traffic, diminished air quality and polluted water will hardly be worth the " well paying jobs" South 32 promises. Look into their "well paying jobs" and broken promises around the globe at their other operations. Look into the health issues that their employees deal with and they walk away from.

There are newer technologies available for electric vehicles that are less environmentally destructive. South 32 will leave the U. S. once they get what they want and then who will pay for the clean up and destruction left behind? Once the land is ruined and the water is gone, it's gone forever.