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Comments: I find it incredulous that the powers that be would even consider to allow Hudbay to go ahead with the mine in the scenic Santa Rita Mountains. The amount of precious fresh water that would be used and forever tainted is an assault on a desert environment that has existed for eons, and will be thrown into complete and utter disarray with the destruction a mine would bring.

We go birding in that area quite often, to Sonoita, Patagonia, and drive through there to get to other birding sites in Sierra Vista. I remember the first time we drove to the scenic viewpoint on Rt. 83. The beauty took our breath away. It angers me that profit for a mining company has precedence over the health of the people, plants and animals that will be covered in the dust of the mining tailings blowing off that toxic water!

Please take into account the millions of living things that this one company's greed will destroy and do not approve this permit or this mine. Thank you.