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Comments: I support the mining industry and the South 32 Hermosa project. Present day mining does not deserve to be labeled as a bad partner for a community based on mining from 100 years ago. Things have changed!

Mining companies, and the people that work at them daily, are very aware of how precious water and the entire resource is and go to extreme measures to protect the resources.

Southern Arizona can certainly benefit from the South 32 mine and the jobs, taxes, support for the community. South 32 may not be an American company but the majority of the people that will work at the mine will be from the local area and will care deeply about the area. If the naysayers would spend even a small fraction of their energy ensuring that the mine lives up to its promises they would likely be amazed at the outcome.

The United States needs to become less dependent on getting metals, etc. from China (and other countries) and return to being self reliant and proud.