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Comments: I support project 65668. The South 32 Hermosa project furthers our national interest in resourcing minerals needed to maintain and develop our national economy from within the continental US. The recent bipartisan concern with global trade and the continued persecution of our foreign trade partners makes sourcing base manufacturing materials locally more palatable than even before the Hermosa project began. On a national front, it would make more sense to purchase these materials from an already developed source that has established refining capability and lower cost. It seems increasingly unlikely the US will continue to partake in global capital markets to the same degree it has been, giving us the options of developing these sources locally at an inflated cost, paying the inflationary tariffs on foreign sources, or stagnating relative to the rest of the developing world. While the country's population can empathize with local residents who will be impacted negatively, the location is rural and will have less of an impact relative to more urban locations. There are also local positives, with direct and indirect job opportunities, infrastructure improvements, and a broader local tax base potentially lowering individual tax burdens. Since the mine will be on land owned by the United States, the interest of the nation should be given considerable weight.