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Comments: The whole situation of allowing a private mining company to operate and use national forest service land is just wrong! The laws need to be changed to NOT allow this! South32, a FORIEGN mining company, has a horrible reputation around the world for leaving behind huge environmental disasters and destroying the health of the flora and fauna in those areas as well as adversely affecting the residents in those areas.

Those of us who live in Santa Cruz County, Arizona are VERY concerned about the damage they will do to our local water and air! We the taxpayers in this county should be the ones allowed to use and recreate on national forest service land, not a private corporation who just comes in to profit from it when it is supposed to be land that belongs to the people!

I want to emphasize that South32 should NOT be trusted to self-police themselves regarding environmental impact to water, air, wildlife habitat destruction, etc... If they must be allowed (and they should not be) to operate on public or private land, the government must watch them closely to make sure they are not contaminating the environment in any way! They have proven themselves to not be trustworthy to do things in a proper manner that will not have a negative impact on the area in which they operate.