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Comments: To the USFS, I am a resident of Rio Rico. I moved here in 2016. I love the natural beauty and wonderfully diverse wildlife that call this region home. I would dare say the wildlife is exotic compared to the rest of the United States. I realize that these mountains have resources that are greatly needed in our country. But I do not feel that these resources should be extracted from the lands of this county. This region needs to be protected for all times. Once you break the ground, the damage done can never be repaired. The toxic waste will forever pollute the water and land. The endangered animals will be further compromised. The jaguars alone are reason enough to forever end mining in Southern Arizona. But there are so many more animals that call this place home and need it to remain as pristine as it can possibly be. Humans are killing the world that all living beings depend on for life. The only answer to that dilemma is to just stop destroying it. It is that plain and simple. Stop. Stop the mine that will poison this land, stop the mine that will destroy millions of gallons of the precious water that is much more valuable than the ore that the mine will wren.ch from the ground. Do not pollute the air and water with manganese and other toxic substances. Leave the mountains and forest intact. It is the Forest service's job to protect the land. Please, leave the land in peace, whole and unmolested.