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Comments: I have enjoyed being a guest at Circle Z Guest Ranch, located just south of Patagonia, Arizona. Of great concern is the Permanent Access Route and the high power transmission line that is proposed in the Mine's plan of operation.

This route, if allowed, could foreseeably have a huge impact to the Circle Z Ranches' horseback riding opportunities onto CNFS lands. The routes would transect 10 of the ranches established trails that have been in use for decades, trails that are permitted under a Special Use Permit. The Ranch would no longer be able take their guests onto this small strip of land, which would significantly and directly affect their ability to continue to offer outstanding horseback riding on adjacent forest service lands. Circle Z is celebrating their 98th year of operation.

This route would also indirectly affect the Ranches' adjacent conservation lands, as more than half of the ranch riding trails would be in the visual and sound fields of this route. This would foreseeably cause significant visual pollution, a disturbance in our enjoyment of the pristine and expansive vistas that are so rare in the world today. We ask that the Forest Service conduct an analysis of the impacts of the Permanent Access Route and high power transmission line on the tourism business the Ranch brings to this area, the elimination of their riding trails, and on the potential visual pollution and disturbances on the USFS land and the Ranch conservation lands.

There are viable alternatives to the proposed routes that the USFS can mandate to be considered. Using the already established FS road 49 to Lochiel would not have the significant impacts that the proposed route would have. Also, an alternative to the visual pollution caused by the high power transmission line is to bury the line, or to require that the power is brought in from the east as opposed to from the south.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. I highly recommend visiting the Ranch and hopping on a horse to understand the attraction that Circle has held visitors for nearly a century.