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Comments: Although not a Santa Cruz County resident I am a lifelong Arizonan who lives in Graham County and frequently recreates on Mt. Graham in the Coronado National Forest. After reviewing the proposed Hermosa Critical Minerals Project #65668 scoping documents it's my opinion that the benefit of allowing the expansion of this mine in an established mining district will be beneficial to the mineral and economic needs of the local, state, regional and national economy. The limited surface and subsurface disturbance of less than 1 square mile along with the restoration plan will create environmental and visual impacts but if this operation doesn't expand dramatically the "costs" will be less than the "benefits" or greater good. I do have concerns whether there is adequate water. The need to dewater subsurface operations may balance the water needs but that was not addressed in the scoping letter and can only be estimated prior to the excavation.