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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Once upon a time, I was proud of my community, now I am disappointed and gutted at how greedful my community has become. The Hermosa mining project is destroying and distrupting ancient tribal land, animal migration patterns, poisoning of our water, and putting the health of all inhabitants of the region at risk for money is the most greedful and vile event to take place. As a third generation Nogalian, I am extremely upset at how the political atmosphere has shifted to taking money from a mining company that is consistently losing stock value. This mining company is notorious for leaving the land and water in dire state. They are renowned and responsible for causing health issues in the region. Mining projects are known to cause Missing Murdered Indigenous People, we must acknowledge the Indigenous community and the Mexican community and the extreme danger that this mine will bring.

When I was young, I hoped to bring my descendants to our beautiful lands to teach them how we have protected these lands. However, now it seems that the lesson that they will learn is the consequences and the scarring that greed leaves behind.