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Comments: South32 Hermosa is designing a different kind of mine that's looking to improve the livelihood of Santa Cruz County residents for generations to come. The care and consideration that's taken into account before an action is taken is extraordinary. The team really looks to do the right thing.

The RIBs were designed with the help and advice of community members. This way water will stay in the Patagonia mountains. The dry-stack tailings technology is best-in-class helping the mine reduce its water use. The tailings will be compacted and dry ensuring safety for decades. The Unisource powerline will help take trucks delivering natural gas off the road and allow the project to reduce its carbon footprint as it looks to be powered by renewable energy.

Hermosa is already making strides in improving the professional careers of local residents by providing opportunities in a safe environment encouraging psychological safety, speaking up, inclusivity and diversity. This respect for employees and the community in which it exists extends to the environment and local flora and fauna. The objective is to avoid disturbance, minimize and then mitigate if needed. There have been times operations have been delayed to ensure safe nesting by animals.

Hermosa is working hard to do the right thing and I'm asking you dear Forest Service to take the many benefits over multiple decades to heart.