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Comments: My husband and I just recently moved back to Az and chose Santa Cruz county as our new home. My husband was raised in this county, went to school at the one room school house, his mom was postmaster for many years and his dad worked the cattle ranches in Santa Cruz county. My husbands family is buried in the Patagona cemetary. This mine has no value to the Santa Cruz county we all love and know. Very few places in AZ have the eco system that this part of Az has to offer, the mountains, the valleys, the water shed and the peace and quiet that you can find in very few places. This mine has no value to the American people, it is a foreign company that will take our minerals, out resorces, our mountains and roads for the benefit of the all mighty dollar. The return on investment for the community will be very little and the expense will be high, extreme amounts of traffice over a road that has a sign in Nogales suggesting trucks take I 19 to I 10 instead of taking 82, how do you then explain that 250 plus trucks a day will use 82 not suggested for other truckers to take? Water has always been an issue in the desert yet this mine suggested 3 million gallons a year will be pulled out to make there operation profitable, who benefits from this water loss, only the business taking our water. The road their trucks are to take for miles is a 2 lane road, our tax dollars will be used to maintain this road, more money out of our personal pockets. This is a bad idea on all levels with very few locals benefiting from this operation. Life as people have know for generations will no longer be the same all for a foreign company to get rich and pad the pockets of our politicians that are pushing this.