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Comments: I am writing to you in concern regarding the Hermosa Mining Project for silver, manganese and zinc in the Patagonia Mountains.

It has come to my attention that this project will disrupt my beautiful eco-system and home and cause permanent damage. Not only disrupting the plant and animal life, but also causing adverse effects, such as health issues and raping the earth for years to come.

I live in an area with many young children as well as elderly who are both more susceptible to the toxins that will definitely seep into the land, air and water if this plan is to go through.

Mining creates a major concern accounting for 9 of the 10 facilities in Arizona for PBT Chemicals. These Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic Chemicals stay in our environment for years and can not be properly managed or taken care of, but build up in the body tissues and create Health problems.

Asbestos are also a harmful effect of mining and are hard to get rid of once in the environment. They cause serious diseases, such as cancer and lung issues that can be life threatening and diminish quality of life.

Mining in this area will also pull from our important water source, that is already endangered. As we live in the desert, water is very precious and by taking such large amounts that will lead to serious impacts that may never be able to recover from.

I plea that you deeply reflect on the long lasting effects of this decision and consider a no action alternative.

My sincerest hope that you determine what is best for this beautiful land and the seven generations to come.