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Comments: This project is located in a unique neotropical zone of Arizona. Many of these animal are spicific to this climate and region. One being the Mearns quail, Coatimundis, Leopards (two), hummingbirds and more. The oak trees that will be lost live to about 500 years old, unlike log pole pine that will return in 20 years. The continued loss of habit will only further their decline. This area cannot support a billion gallons a year in water loss that we currently do not have without tapping into historic aquifers. Haul roads will also require water to grade and maintain. Chemical spills will also be of concern that can be returned into our water system. You need only go down 2 miles to the current mine in Harshaw to see the amount of destruction and loss of National Forest access. Noise pollution of 24 hour a day drilling will also damage our natural resources and their populations. This has also made it unpleasant to even camp in Harshaw any longer. The use of National Forest for long term mining is not fair to the American's that it was set aside for. It is the land of many uses and this will make a land of single use. Private enterprise can afford to work on and through private land without taking our public lands from us. Please consider a no vote on this projects NOI.