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Comments: Air Quality

I am concerned with the release of particulate matter. I have experience with the windblown dust and smoke that South 32 has released into the air from projects close to my home. These projects were (1) clearing and burning trees and then plowing up the ground from a large acreage near my home and (2) building a by-pass road by bulldozing down hills. I can see this bypass road from my home. In both cases, South 32 did not use sufficient methods that mitigated the release of vast amounts of dust, nor did they consider the environmental impact of cutting down and burning trees .

I also experience the impact of the company vehicles. The number of vehicles will greatly increase if this mine is put into operation and will contribute to air pollution.

I know projects (1) and (2) and the by-pass road did not need review by the Forest Service. My point in reporting the dust and smoke is that South32 did not show good stewardship of the environment. The mine will create windblown dust and other pollutants, and the measures to mitigate these pollutants are not sufficient to control them, which will have a negative effect on the environment and people's health.

South 32 is not showing good stewardship. I am opposed to this mine. Any action by South 32 under the Forest Service needs to be very closely monitored, and the monitoring must be done by an outside agency, not South 32.