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Comments: To the natural resource professionals and decisionmakers supporting or acting upon this analysis, I am writing to document the following comments:

-Mining proponents should be treated the same during the NEPA process as other proponents.

-The National Environmental Policy act of 1969 purpose includes the objective of humankind having a productive relationship with the environment. If this analysis is administered consistent with the 1969 act, the Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970, and the Forest Service Minerals Program Policy, the outcome should be timely, support both appropriate mitigation and productivity, and foster American competitiveness.

-Here in Arizona some of the best mineral development projects of this generation have sat stagnant in the NEPA process for too long. Each ton of ore not mined and processed here is likely to instead be mined in an international jurisdiction lacking in human rights or environmental quality standards. This does not seem consistent with any of the aforementioned acts and policies. I look forward to seeing this analysis set a new standard, to be effective, and to be timely.

Thank you for your consideration and your hard work on this endeavor,

Charles Blair