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Comments: I am a private citizen living in Southern Arizona. I am concerned with the soil quality of the land getting "cement paste" replacements. Why not fill the cavities with a quality product to help the disturbed ground recover.

Also, all the trucks frequenting the roads here will bring noise pollution as well as air pollution. Even an electric vehicle loses the rubber from the tires into the air. We already have a statistically high rate of accidents on the highways in this area and this will contribute to that danger too.

There are health/wellness issues around. EMFs and the power lines will add to that.

More pumping of water seems counterproductive in an already arid environment that has experienced recent droughts. Water is essential for nature, for life - all life - and even though some future plan may be to replenish aquifers, how long does it take for the ground to recover from the water removal and come back to life? As an analogy I could say to you, "I'll give you back the water you give to me today in 7 days, but I am taking it all right now." That person may die of thirst in 7 days.

Is the land benefitting from the zinc and manganese deposits at all, and if so, once removed, how does it affect the entire bio-system?

The mine wants to use and restrict areas of the forest service land. Will this significantly limit the options and space for recreational forest visits/ camping? Doctors are now prescribing time in nature for mental and physical health and wellness due to our ever-increasing busy urban technological lives. This mine has the capability of destroying a pristine area of the United States. Can the Hermosa mine operate as South 32 has suggested and not do this?

Thank you for considering my concerns and questions.