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Comments: Currently the roads are being very worn and torn up by mine traffic and the heavy equipment on them in the areas around Patagonia. They are a danger now to drive on. Accidents due primarily to mine-related traffic will occur at an increasing rate. What plan does the mine have to prevent these accidents?

What insurance plan (or safety assurance plan) does the mine have to cover all of the many liability issues and emergencies of any kind? Does South 32 and the Hermosa mine have insurance? What can they do to make the roads safer? Emergencies need to be planned for and addressed now before they happen. The public needs to know more now.

While South 32 and the Hermosa mine has not yet admitted to using the railroads, we foresee they will be transporting ore by rail. This too poses great risks and dangers of an accident. What contingency plans are being made for use of rail and changes to our transportation infrastructure? How can you do an EIS if the methods of transport change or the mine's proposed operations plan shifts to another method?

What can you do in your transportation study to help prevent a disaster from occurring in the future?

Thank you for looking into these questions thoroughly.