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Comments: The Key Issue for the Coronado National Forest in preparing this environmental impact statement (EIS) is to evaluate and disclose the potential environmental effects from the proposed Hermosa Mine Plan of Operations,(MPO), project #65668. The effect on the environment would be dramatic, the environment would be forever changed. The water in the earth beneath the mine is likely connected to the water supply of most of Santa Cruz County. This is an area of research that is desperately needed before the MPO is approved. The MPO mentions rapid infiltration basins, water delivery pipelines, and ground water management wells on the surface. How can any of this be effective without intensive research of the current, area wide hydrology. In order for local communities such as Nogales, Sonoita, Patagonia and Elgin to survive they need water. Humans cannot live without drinkable water and Arizona is in a drought.

The MPO mentions closure of Storage Facility 2 as well as reclamation of temporary surface drill pads and access roads when they are no longer needed. What does this closure and reclamation look like? The MPO document mentions adding growth media needed for reclamation. How deep will the growth media need to be for the trees and other plants to return to the size they are now? Currently the area is a biologically diverse habitat supporting rare and endangered flora and fauna. Will the growth media be enough to allow the area to return to this magnificence? A very sizable bond should be required to cover this work.

I support a plan in which The Forrest Service does not make an exception to its policy of "No reduction in the scenic integrity of the project area". I also support the Forrest Service in Not allowing a major overground Utility Corridor outside the area mapped in the 2008 West-Wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS. The Forrest Service needs to continue to meet its requirements for sustainability of species diversity. Do not amend the 2018 Coronado National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (forest plan) to accommodate the proposed exploration and mining operations.

Lastly, Is the Forrest Service set up to monitor compliance with applicable laws and mitigation requirements? How would the area be restored when mining ceases and how would restoration be assured?

With so much major destruction of the environment inevitable, the "No Approval Alternative" seems reasonable.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.