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Comments: We are long time guests at Circle Z Guest Ranch, located just south of Patagonia, Arizona.

Of great concern to us is the Permanent Access Route and the High Power transmission line that is proposed in the Mine's plan of operation.

This route, if allowed, could foreseeably have a huge impact to the Circle Z Ranches horseback riding opportunities onto CNFS lands. The routes would transect 10 of the ranches established trails that have been in use for years, trails that are permitted under their Special Use Permit. The ranch would no longer be able us out onto this small strip of land, which would significantly and directly affect our ability to continue riding onto adjacent forest service lands.

We agree with fellow guests and the owners of Circle Z that Forest Service conduct an analysis of the impacts of the Permanent Access Route and High Power transmission line on the tourist business the ranch brings to this area, the elimination of their riding trails, and on the potential for visual pollution and disturbances on the UNFS land and the Ranch Conservation Lands..

There are viable alternatives to the proposed routes that the USFS can mandate be considered as provided by Circle Z. These would include using the already established FS road 49 to Lochiel which would would not have the significant impacts that the proposed route would have. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and that of long time guests of the Circle Z and the Circle Z.

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