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Comments: Expanding the mining operation to National Forest Service (NFS) land will require a new access road, dewatering wells, groundwater monitoring wells, new power lines, tailings storage facility, as well as underground mining with cement paste backfill.

In essence all of the mining operations will now also be on the NFS land. I understand this is allowed due to the old 1872 mining law which does not consider the effects of the mine on humans, wildlife, birds, or our Mother Earth.

With the mine operation currently set up on the Hermosa South 32 mine site, how will the mine's expansion onto another 481 acres or approximately .75 square miles benefit the public? We know a little of what it will cost the public in terms of health and wellbeing and more will be discovered.

Please study in depth risk to and impact of this potential expansion on air, water, and soil pollution. I request the NFS require a continual air quality monitoring of the air to PM2.5 along all transportation routes as well as continual water discharge monitoring.

In addition, please study of the effects of the cement paste backfill on our soil and if it creates any toxicity.

Thank you.