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Comments: As the scoping develops for the Hermosa Mine use of Forest Service land, be advised that for any permitting to ensue, I feel that all the interests of the public should be considered. The use of these lands by a foreign entity should never supersede the interests of the American public.

Proper scientific study of all issues related to water use impacting quality and quantities needs to be considered and presented to the public in a way that shows any decisions are in the interest of the public, and the area ecology, not just those of Hermosa Mine.

Proper scientific study of all issues related to air quality needs to be considered and presented to the public in a way that shows that any decisions are in the interest of the public, and the area ecology, not just those of Hermosa Mine.

All studies of road use by Hermosa Mine shall present to the public how the options of all proposed routes show in clear, concise ways how any decision is based on the best interest of the public, and the area ecology, and not solely for that of Hermosa Mine.

All studies pertaining to any proposed use of any adjacent lands under Forest Service supervision shall show in understandable language why these potential uses are for the benefit of the public, and the area ecology, not solely for that of Hermosa Mine.

All potential harms related to the above item, as presented by any and all public comment, shall be publicly answered in understandable language.

Please respond to me, and all other commenters, on all concerns listed above.