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Comments: Hello,

My name is Lawrence and I heard about the proposed zinc and manganese mine in the Patagonia Mountain range through Circle Z Ranch. I visited Circle Z ranch a couple years back now. The ranch experience not only gave me the ability to experience riding horses in the mountains of Arizona for the first time, but also the opportunity to create memories of a lifetime with my dear Aunt.

I live in Florida and recently visited Far Reach Ranch an hour away to pick blueberries. The trip to the ranch was honestly terrifying. An unrelenting procession of dump trucks. The dump trucks - almost everyone of them - crossed the median line of the road. Those dump trucks were not only intimidating on their own, but the aggressive nature of their driving is forever seared into my memory. Far Reach Ranch is truly a far reach due to the possibility of getting run over by an aggressively driving however many ton dump truck. It's a real shame because everyone at the ranch was so nice and hospitable. Truly an oasis once upon arriving. The drive to Far Reach Ranch is a life hazard - feel free to call my phone and I'll let you know.

Disney World is the heartbeat of Central Florida. I would advocate that you incorporate the philosophy of front stage and back stage. Tourism saves not only local economies, but also the landscape that myself as a tourist will enjoy for years to come. I'll be painting those Arizona landscapes! The long route will cost more for the mining company I get it, but the investment to the area is worth it for us as Americans no matter where we live in the country.

I've visited 24 National Parks during my walkabout. Have you visited a National Park? I challenge you to visit just one. The visitor centers are really great to understand why the land was preserved. Business and Land conservation can work together even if a business has to pay more in the long run.

The U.S.A. has higher standards and I would like to share my words are an attempt to voice this view.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Bellini

P.S.

Experience at Circle Z Ranch

I loved the trails

I learned how to ride a horse

I was able to spend quality time with my long lost Aunt (long story)

I was able to have the experience of a lifetime

I learned more about Arizona and its wildlife

I ate amazing food and made new friends!

I shopped and supported the local artists

Second,Third,Fourth from the Ranch:

We are 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 take their guests out onto this small strip of land, which would significantly and directly affect their ability to continue to offer outstanding horseback riding onto adjacent forest service lands.

This route would also indirectly affect the Ranches adjacent conservation lands, as more than half of the ranch riding trails would be in the visual and sound fields of this route. This would foreseeably cause significant visual pollution, a disturbance in our enjoyment of the pristine and expansive vistas that are so rare in the world today.

We ask that the 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. Using the already established FS road 49 to Lochiel would not have the significant impacts that the proposed route would have. Also, an alternative to the visual pollution caused by the High Voltage transmission line is the burying of that line, or the requirement to bring the power in from the east as opposed to from the south.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns