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After reading through the documents sent by email about the environmental review being conducted by the US Forest Service under the National Environmental Policy Act also known as the scoping process on the South32 Hermosa project, I find the process to be a positive collaboration between the two entities. This will bring transparency and address any concerns about the impact, if any, on the environment and wildlife in the in our National Forest and Santa Cruz County. It is also critical that we be vigilant of our natural resources and wildlife but we must work together to ensure that our community and schools are not compromised with these economic opportunities that South32 will bring to Santa Cruz County as Mr. Musslewhite stated "Working together, we can strengthen the domestic supply of critical minerals needed for clean energy technologies and national defense, reduce America's reliance on foreign countries and transform the local economy, bringing hundreds of new good-paying jobs." I truly believe that checks and balances need to be in place and every stakeholders' voice must be heard but we must not loose sight of what South32 will bring to Santa Cruz County.