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Comments: Regarding the proposed Hermosa mining project and its potential impacts on both public and private lands in the Patagonia Mountains region, as a concerned citizen, I am deeply concerned about the serious adverse effects this project could have on our health and environment.

The issues of erosion and runoff, are also a serious concern that needs to be carefully evaluated. The health of Sonoita Creek has seen dramatic improvement due to conservation and it's crucial that this progress is not undermined and that an independent Regional Impact Study is completed.

The blasting and the use of heavy equipment is likely to produce significant noise and air pollution, affecting native plants and animals. Please study the impact on our local biodiversity.

I urge you to conduct a thorough and independent study of these impacts upon our environment, community, and public health. Thank you