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Comments: I am submitting this comment during the scoping period for the Roca Honda Mine Project EIS to request that the following issues receive thorough analysis:

Groundwater and aquifer impacts. The proposed mine dewatering will draw heavily from aquifer systems that pass through uranium-bearing rock. The EIS should analyze projected pumping volumes, effects on nearby wells and springs, and the long-term fate of the aquifer after mine closure, including whether contaminated groundwater will return to pre-mining conditions.

Cumulative impacts. This region already carries the unresolved legacy of over 500 abandoned uranium mines, with cleanup ongoing decades later. The EIS should evaluate the cumulative effects of a new mine layered on top of this existing contamination burden, rather than assessing Roca Honda in isolation.