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Comments: I am the chief executive officer of M3 Engineering & Technology Corporation (M3), an engineering firm based out of Tucson and Chandler with over 300 employees in Arizona. We have performed thousands of engineering projects within the state and we have performed construction management in hundreds of them. Our company supports work like what is being done on the Sunnyside Exploration Drilling project and has had the opportunity to see the effects of such work over the last few decades.

Having reviewed the material on the Coronado National Forest's website, including the scoping notice and the proposed plan of operations, I am writing to express my support for this work. Having seen the effects of industrial projects on workers and economies, I believe that the exploration work has the long-term potential to benefit state and local communities because of the creation of jobs for construction and operations.

In addition, I am pleased to have read about the proposed infrastructure improvements, such as fixing the eroding roads with appropriate drainage, slopes and culverts. This will make the area safer and easier to access by everyone, both project employees and others who want to visit.

In my experience, the proposed environmental mitigation and concurrent reclamation activities have worked well in projects throughout the world. Stockpiling topsoil works to mitigate its loss and can later be replaced at the work areas. Revegetation efforts reduce the impact of these kinds of projects and can be designed to protect the area over the long term. The owner (Arizona Standard) appears to have been thorough when reviewing safety, wildlife protection and other pollution prevention measures.

We ourselves at M3 look forward to any potential contributions we could make on later Sunnyside project work.