

Letter on behalf of Skull Valley Families
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Dear Rem and Shelby,

Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinions. Some of my comments will seem redundant; however these issues are very real to all of us, who are concerned.

I am a native Arizonian, and have lived here in Skull Valley for 25 years. My property is adjacent the BLM land in consideration. My family and I moved here intentionally. We chose the clean air, pure water and the aspects of being surrounded by nature. We chose not to live in town and cities, because we want to live a peaceful, healthful life.

There is a small Riparian area that has water. It is in the way of the proposed mine. It provides sustenance for many animals, it will be ruined.

The disturbing issues of an active mine are real. Silica is there and will be released when that soil gets worked; Loaders, crushers, screeners and trucks will raise a lot of dust while they are digging for the Pozzolan. The way most mines control dust is with water, sometimes with additives. The water that is there is an aquifer that we residents are all on... That is our water. So ask them how many gallons of water do they intend to be use in a day and for years to come? What will that do to our water table? This image is so scary to me. Can you understand?

Skull Valley is a small community; School, Post Office, Fire Department, Store, and a few small businesses. That is it. We do not have a Stop Light. It is a 2 Lane road all the way from Prescott to Wickenburg. The thought of 30 to 85 loaded truck trips a day is unimaginable. The destruction to our Road, because of the added weight is inevitable, 500,000 Tons a Year, is what they have projected. This is a small town, this mine could really hurt us. (The Principal of our School will have to move for certain as she has Asthma, and owns one of the homes near the entrance of the mine.)

There may be a few jobs; operators and drivers, but most of the income derived from this proposed mine will go to California, where the owners live.

This is a situation of the gains of a few over the disruption of lives of an entire community.

Thank You for reading my letter.

Sincerely, (b) (6)