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For this purpose my two comments may be rather minor compared to the extensive technical and scientific presentations which have been offered.

First, my personal eye and throat health is compromised by "bad air". Blowing dust carrying all kinds of matter does me no good at all. I didn't move to this area thirty nine years ago, first to Ruidoso then to Alto, to feel like I needed to stay behind closed doors and windows to avoid breathing problems.

Second, I believe we need to at least consider the history of this particular area. Years ago folks came seeking refuge from heat and bad air. My family arrived in 1942 or 1944 and along with others, loved the variety of individuals, animals, and opportunity for recreation. While looking to the future, we have some responsibility to those who came before us and invested their lives to maintaining the great environment for humans and animals. We stand on their shoulders as the next generation will stand on ours. Don't let them down. Say NO to the proposed plant.