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I own land along Sonoita Creek in Patagonia. I am a virtual lifelong AZ resident.

Million of gallons of water being dumped into Harshaw Creek is an literally an existential threat to the Town of Patagonia and other nearby residents. Heavy metals and other pollutants are likely to contaminate groundwater throughout the Harshaw Creek watershed, as well as Sonoita Creek and associated aquifer around Patagonia and other nearby areas. This water is the entire water supply for Patagonia and everyone in the area. Potable water is critical to the Town and many other residents nearby.

Another threat that is real is increased risk of flooding. Most of the Town of Patagonia is in the flood plain and subject to destructive floods. Several million gallons of water per day will be enough to wet the channel of Harshaw Creek and Sonoita Creek through Patagonia. When a watershed and soil along it are saturated, risk of serious flooding is hugely elevated. This area is one of the most subject to monsoon storms and large floods in all of Arizona.