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This discharge should not be allowed to take place. At this point, Harshaw Creek only contributes about 15 % of the total discharge of Sonoita Creek. Harshaw Creek is a natural system, by allowing S32 to discharge over 6000 gallons/minute, you are turning it into a man-made river. Harshaw Creek picks up a certain amount of heavy metals due to the natural mineralization found in the area. Once you dramatically increase the flow rate who will know what will happen? ADEQ is only responsible for the quality of the water coming out of the treatment plant. It is a big "too bad" for everyone downstream, especially for the Town of Patagonia. We do not have to treat our water except with chlorine, we do not have a water treatment plant for our drinking water. Climate change is man-made, the situation that will occur will be man-made. The issue here is that no one will take the blame if the worst case scenario happens. ADEQ and S32 are off the hook because the water is clean at the starting point. Enough is enough, we do not know enough to allow this discharge. Please do not give them the permit.