

Becky Weber

Dear Arizona Department of Environmental Quality,

My husband and I recently set into motion the retirement plan of our dreams. We (along with another couple) purchased an old church camp (the ABC Camp on 25 Apache Rd) with the intent of creating a retreat space for birders, hikers (including AZT hikers), and mountain bikers. We have a few years of hard work and preparation ahead of us, but ultimately, we know this project of love will provide a retirement income for us.

To say we are deeply, deeply concerned about South32's Hermosa permit request is an UNDERSTATEMENT.

What will be the long-term impact on our private well? Our dreams are destroyed if we don't have water.

What is the impact on the wildlife.... the flora, the fauna... that will (most likely already have) become dependent on springs that are being unnaturally created by South32's pumping?

We are a couple living on a limited budget... one that involved saving for years and years to make this investment in our future. We count our blessings daily that we were able to purchase property in what we believe to be one of the most beautiful areas of the state. We hope it stays that way.

Thank you for your consideration,

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