

**DOCUMENT REVIEW COMMENT FORM—(ARIZONA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY)**

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Lee Allison	3	Recreation & Tourism	726		The section omits any consideration of business related travel related to the mine and geo-tourism including tourist visits to view the mining operations.
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Lee Allison	3	Recreation & Tourism	732		There is no consideration of the environmental impacts and external costs associated with recreational exploitation of the affected lands. These need to be subtracted from the estimated benefits.
Lee Allison	3	Recreation & Tourism	735		Denial of the mine would eliminate one of the largest and likely economic contributors to minority communities in the region. The lack of economic opportunities adversely impacts the environment and human health of the affected inhabitants.
Lee Allison	3	Recreation & Tourism	742	5	“Vendor spending” describes only local vendors. Out of area and out of state vendors will spend on business travel and local amenities, and may decide to extend their stays to take advantage of area tourism opportunities.
Lee Allison	3	Recreation & Tourism	744	35	The speculation of a 1% drop in tourism spending is unfounded. The mine may actually increase tourism, both from travelers doing business with the mine and with visitors eager to view the operations. The Bingham Canyon copper mine outside Salt Lake City has attracted 3 million visitors since 1992, a 21 year period.
Lee Allison	3	Recreation & Tourism	744	41	The historically disturbed lands and ranch lands around the proposed mine site are valued as “wilderness.” Is this a fair valuation or does it apply only to the classic definition of wilderness as lands largely untouched by the hand of man?

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Lee Allison	3	Economic Activity	719		It appears the two economic analysis studies prepared under the auspices of the AZ Dept. of Mines and Mineral Resources have been omitted from the FEIS. The Arizona Geological Survey has assumed ownership of those documents and will make them available for inclusion.