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Dear Gentlemen and Ladies of the Forest Service:

I am writing regarding the Arizona Minerals Inc Hermosa-Taylor Drilling Project in the Patagonia mountains south of Patagonia, Az.

My concerns in connection with this project include:

WATER AVAILABILITY: While I realize that AMI will be using water from a private well or wells, this usage will nevertheless be depleting the acquifer and reducing water availability within an unknown area.

POSSIBLE DELETERIOUS EFFECT OF WATER USE ON THE MUNICIPAL WATERSHED OF THE SURROUNDING AREA.

WILDLIFE QUALITY OF LIFE AND SAFETY: It is known that the Patagonia Mountains provide travel routes for the only known jaguar in the U.S., as well as other rare cats. Endangered bird species, additionally, inhabit the area and will undoubtedly be negatively affected.

DARK SKIES: 24 hour drilling and associated activities will inevitably change the ecology of the surrounding area and unavoidably have an impact on the many private observatories in the wide surrounding area.

TRAFFIC: Heavy, industrial traffic through the town of Patagonia and up the two-lane partially paved road to the drilling site will inevitably cause road damage and pose a safety threat to residents, hikers, cyclists, horseback travelers, to say nothing of wildlife and domestic animals throughout the area.

CUMULATIVE EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY AND CULTURE OF THE AREA: The Patagonia area and its mountain surrounds are known widely as an ecological and historic treasure. Any mining activity, even if undertaken by a company with an unblemished record of

careful and responsible remediation, will inevitably have a deleterious effect on the continuation of that reputation. Does the company involved present such an unblemished record of past activities in other locations?

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Most Sincerely,

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