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To whom it may concern:

My husband and I are new residents of Patagonia.

We moved here 6 months ago primarily for the beauty in nature surrounding Patagonia. We are serious hikers, nature explorers and also enjoy biking.

We have already on 2 occasions had serious questions about the compatibility of mining activities in and around our beautiful National Forest. We have witnessed tanker trucks filling water from a fire hydrant. In a high desert town, in the existing drought, it seems the community needs to protect the water and entire aquifer.

We have a well adjacent to Harshaw road and will be directly and seriously affected by a water shortage and/or pollution.

Please consider a FULL Environmental Impact Report on this issue.

The noise of the mining trucks and equipment on Harshaw road is already extreme. Also we have run into a closed road situation that will impact tourism and outdoor adventurers. This industry must be considered. It would be a lot to lose if we turn Patagonia into a mining town.

So the serious issues for me are:

water availability

water pollution

noise

traffic in a wild and scenic area

We need a full EIR on the cumulative impacts of previous mine activity and adding new stresses on to the environment.

We all need to protect out National Forests.

Thank you for your consideration

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