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Even though the exploratory project is for just 8 drill holes, the cumulative effect of their drilling and land disturbance on their private land must be taken into account:

Further analysis must be undertaken for the following issues:

All endangered species listed by the POO in the project area, especially for the Yellow-billed Cuckoo and the MSO.

Further analysis must be undertaken on the amount of water that has been used during the months of prior drilling and the new drilling proposed.

What effect has this had on Patagonia's watershed, what effect has it had on the discharge into Flux Canyon which supplies Patagonia lake, which is an important economic engine for Patagonia and Nogales.

Further analysis on the removal of 234 mature trees:

A 12 inch diameter tree could be 100 years old, this is a temporary project, is it worth it to destroy these trees, for a temporary project. What species habitat will be effected.

Another access point such be required.

Further analysis should be done on

What effect has all this drilling activity with the increase in traffic on Harshaw rd had the eco tourism business in Patagonia

Thank you

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