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Comments: Greetings,

I urge the Forest Service to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statement on the Hermosa-Taylor Deposit Drilling (Project #50097). The impact to important resources is far too great to be covered adequately by an Environmental Assessment. Impacted resources include:

*Water quality and quantity

*Wildlife and vegetation, including endangered, threatened, and other special status species. This resource is of special concern as there are multiple vertebrate species listed under the ESA which will almost certainly be adversely impacted by the proposed action, Jaguar (*Panthera onca*, critical habitat for which is designated in the area to be disturbed), Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*), and Mexican Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) to name a few.

*Wildlife movement corridors- Especially important for Jaguar

*Visual resources and scenic values

*Dark skies- lighting will occur at night during the 24 hr. drilling

*Recreation- impacts to hunting, birding, hiking

*Transportation and traffic- increase in large truck traffic on forest service unpaved roads and through the town of Patagonia

*Public safety- See above

Thank you for your consideration,
Randy Moore