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Comments: I live in Tucson, AZ not far from the Patagonia Mountains. The cumulative impacts of the proposed mining projects in the Patagonia Mountains should require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The cumulative impacts from abandoned leaking mines, other mining company activity, cattle grazing, border patrol, and recreation activity should all be considered.

Also, as a chemical engineer and air quality expert, I know that both federal and state agencies are reporting that the air quality in the Patagonia area has been declining. All mining activities will have a negative impact on air quality. There is no-action alternative to protecting our air quality.

Also, as an astronomy buff and science enthusiast, I love stargazing. Everyone including myself loves the Patagonia Mountains for the dark skies. 24/7 mining operations will cause a great deal of light pollution and will ruin the beauty of the dark skies over the Patagonia Mountains.