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Comments: This project will require major road disturbance (multiple roads upgraded to a width of 18'). The construction and exploratory mining will occur in critical Jaguar habitat, a Mexican Spotted Owl protected area, a Yellow Billed Cuckoo territory, and will disturb many more species. A significant factor is cumulative impacts of all mining activity in this region, which is a major tributary watershed to the Santa Cruz River.

Friends of the Santa Cruz River is opposed to this proposal, which could reduce both the flow and water quality of the river, as well as compromise the riparian habitat in the upper watershed which is FOSCR's mission to protect.