

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/2/2019 5:48:47 PM

First name: Tempest

Last name: Smith

Organization:

Title:

Comments: The proposed Sunnyside Exploration Drilling Project will have a cumulative impact on traffic, most specifically on Harshaw Road because of an existing mining operation in the area. Because of this, a traffic study should be completed. Heavy traffic in this area creates an increased risk to public safety as well as impacting and impeding the Mission of the U. S. Border Patrol.

The proposal to "upgrade" the existing Forest Road 5519 off Harshaw is ambitious. I have hiked this road on several occasions, most recently 1week ago. The surface on this primitive road in many places is solid bed rock, additionally widening it from its existing width of approximately 8 feet to the proposed 18 feet will require major construction, possible rerouting in places, changes in existing water flow, and increased destruction to the area.

Also of concern is the proposed drill sites in the nesting area of the endangered spotted owl and disruption of the migratory patterns of the Mexican Jaguar. A study to look at the impact of encroachment on the wildlife in this project's proposed area is called for.

In summary, because of the numerous proposed drill sites, the destruction of the National Forest to reach said sites, the increased and cumulative impact of traffic in the area which threatens public safety and the Mission of the U. S. Border Patrol, and the disturbance to endangered wildlife, an Environmental Impact Statement is called for.

Thank you,
Tempest Smith