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Comments: I am writing to oppose the Sunnyside Exploration program and the PoO as presented.

The area in and around the Patagonia region is a diverse and sensitive ecosystem that should be off limits to industrial development. I understand there are both patented and un-patented claims in the area, however my belief is that the area is of better use for all people and including the flora and fauna than a narrow scoped industrial development that would reap economic benefits for a select few.

The area has a very sensitive hydrological balance and likely does not support the water needed for exploration and industrial development. In addition, the region has underlying limestone and marine sediments that make the water balance complex and in need of detailed definition before any contemplated development. In short the water in the region is at a critical juncture and it is unclear if any exploration or development can be considered.

No where in the document of PoO does it state the likely water use levels or how the company would handle incoming water flow if intersected. The PoO says they would have to discharge to the forest floor if the water flow overwhelms the onsite storage capacity. With rugged topography this could lead to unintended erosion and silting of local water ways.

The PoO also lacks specifics on number of holes and footage/ meterage to be drilled. It also has no high level budget to indicate if the company can adequately fund the program and any remediation of the drill site. The closure of public roads to conduct the drilling is also problematic, as it shows the company cannot adequately manage the process and takes a lazy view of safety to operate on public lands.

My understanding of the company is murky at best and seems to be a shell LLC advancing the interests of foreign entities.

I have always enjoyed the rich and sensitivity of the natural area and I believe the best use of this unique area is to keep it as is and set aside for the public and future generations. Keep the Patagonia region a national treasure and not a region for economic benefits of foreign interests.