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Comments: As a long-time land owner, resident, and Eco-tourism business owner, I am deeply concerned by the cumulative environmental impacts of all the mining projects in the Patagonia Mountains. A Comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) for the Sunnyside exploration drilling project is required to realistically asses the significant cumulative impact of this 7 year mining operation on the water quality and water quantity.

This plan of operations proposes to truck in water from other "confirmed" sources which are upstream or downstream of this project. Realistically, given that all watersheds are connected, the ongoing drought, and the changiung water conditions in the region, the prospect of running out of clean water is very alarming to all of us who daily depend on these watersheds to be able to live in the area.

A comprehensive study should be conducted of the entire groundwater system throughout Santa Cruz County to understand the cumulòative impact on our watershed from all the current and proposed mining operations, and the abandoned leaking mines in the Patagonia Mountains. I urge you to consider that the priority overtime is to ensure that there will be enough clean water to support the daily needs of the resident human and wildlife populations in our area.

Also of grave concern to me is the cumulative impact that the 7 year Sunnyside project will have on the ongoing degradation of the air and soil quality in our area, in adition to the cureent mining activities and the abandones leaking mines in the Patagonia Mountains. The irreversible negative impact that sustained exposure to toxic materials that leach intoi the soils of outlying areas through air and water migration, will seriopusly threatred the health and the vitality of all of us who live and grow food in this area.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider our concerns.