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I live near the Patagonia Mts. and have hiked and biked in the mountains for the last 25 years. I think I've hiked and biked most of the trails and roads while doing my fair share of bushwhacking. I think I've climbed many of the high points and walked the ridges. During that time I haven't seen a single drill pad reclaimed, not one. Not one road has been genuinely obliterated and reclaimed that has been cut for the benefit of mining interests. So why is it that the Forest Service dismisses the environmental needs of all stakeholders with a simplistic Categorical Exclusion instead of a more thorough analysis of at least an Environmental Assessment or, better yet, an Environmental Impact Statement?