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To whom it may concern;

I have been living in Patagonia for over 11 years. At first I spent 3 months in Patagonia and the rest in Tucson but now as I approach retirement, I look to Patagonia as my permanent home. Some of the reasons I have become so attached to Patagonia are the beauty, the rural landscape, the abundance of wildlife and birds, the quiet and the beautiful night skies. All these things are threatened by the advent of the proposal "Barksdale Resources, the Sunnyside Exploration Drilling Project seeks to drill up to 30 exploratory holes over a seven-year period to obtain evidence of mineralization. The project area is located on USFS public land approximately 3.6 miles south of Patagonia, and calls for improving 6.8 miles of existing roads and 3.7 miles of "decommissioned" roads, as well as constructing up to 0.6 miles of new roadway".

Patagonia has a sensitive and delicate ecosystem where many federally endangered and threatened species live. The proposal by Barksdale Resources, threaten these species and it is mandatory that the Forest Service prepare an environmental impact statement. With the additional mining activities in these mountains, the cumulative effects need to be taken into consideration, as stated in Patagonia Area Resource Alliance's comments.

The 24X7 activity will destroy habitat for many endangered species as well as ruin the environment for those humans who have moved here and made Patagonia their home. It has the potential to deplete investments that many people have made in homes and land at an age where seniors are the most vulnerable and unable to recover from financial hardship. This would be devastating.

Thank you.

Michele Gisser