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Comments: These comments are in regards to the proposed Sunnyside Exploaration Drilling Project.

We were attracted to this area because of the beautiful trails for mountain biking around Patagonia. After moving here and becoming owners of a local bed and breakfast, we met many visitors from a variety of places who were also attracted to this area because of the birding, biking, hiking, and beautiful environment. The effects of this proposed mining proposal, along with the cumulaive effects of the other possible mining projects in the Patagonia Mountains, have the potential for a very negative impact on the tourism economy of the Patagonia, Sonoita, and Elgin area.

Because this proposed project is in an area where there are endangered, threatened, and sensitive species, an EIS is essential to fully understand the impact this project will have on the area wildlife. The operation's scheduling needs to be limited to a minimum number of daylight hours. The proposed project will degrade public lands that are essential to the wildlif in the area as well as our tourism based economy.

We hereby include the comments filed by the Patagtonia Area Resource Alliance with our comments stated above.

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