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Comments: The Patagonia mountains are critical habitat for many species of plants and animals. The water table should not be compromised by mining. This project will negatively impact the Patagonia Mountain water table, the town of Patagonia, and the animals and plants that call the Patagonia Mountains home. Air quality will also be affected due to the nature of mining and runoff from the mine will be unavoidable and damaging to the environment.

Too many times mining companies have made promises and shown ideas purported to have minimal impact on water, air and the environment. I am never seen this to be true. Mining has a high environmental impact to which this area should not be subjected.