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Comments: 1. The mine has caused a reduction of public National Forest use by not having Flu Canyon Road open or providing an alternate with the Forest Service.

2. There has been a large amount of habitat loss and there will be more if they are allowed to use National Forest land to expand operations. This is a very Biologically Diverse area.

3. The bright lights during night operations disturbs the migration of birds that migrate at night.

4. There are unknown issues with springs/creeks/groundwater that will result from the large volume of water being pumped from the mine shafts.

5. The increased truck traffic without accommodations for bicycles using the public roads. There must be space for safe bicycle travel.

6. Increased noise from all the mine workers and trucks disturbs wildlife.

7. Wildlife deaths from the increased vehicle traffic because heavy trucks cannot maneuver or stop quickly.

8. Roads and especially intersections must be designed so that bicycles are able to navigate safely because the big trucks can kill the cyclists where there is not good design practice. Santa Cruz County and especially Patagonia is a destination for people from all over the world for cycling, nature and solitude. We don't need to have any visitors killed by mining trucks or support vehicles. Like my friend was killed in S. Carolina.

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