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Comments: I am a resident of Tucson who frequently visits the Patagonia Mountain region to enjoy its unique offerings for outdoor enrichment. On my most recent visit I took the road to Harshaw and was startled to see the impact the initial development of South32's Hermosa Mine has already had on this very special place. While I do understand the need to mine critical mineral resources I question whether South32 will keep its promises not disrupt the flora and fauna of this fragile environment and poison its water. The unkept promises of other mining companies comprise a ruinous history we cannot ignore. I salute the noble efforts of the residents of the small town of Patagonia to defend this special region as a heritage that belongs to all Americans, and is not the sandbox of a giant Australian corporation.