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Comments: I am deeply concerned about the long term and short term effects of the Hermosa, South 32 Mining in the Patagonia Mountains. The mining will undoubtedly be damaging to wildlife, nature and humans for generations.

The quantity of water use proposed would be extensive (a total of 6.84 million gallons per day plus about 3.5 million gallons per day for processing); the dewatering will increase the risks of fires, drought, floods and dry up wells limiting water for people, farms and wildlife. These impacts need to be discussed, we want to know how the area can sustain life with them.

Can South 32 prove that they have maintained standards good water quality standards elsewhere? If not, what have they done to correct this?

Their continuing construction would have high impact on Santa Cruz County, with roads, power lines and all types of construction. How can these impacts be mitigated?

The disruption to the area would be twenty four hours a day; this would scare away wildlife that lives in this area. There would be constant noise, machinery, traffic and lights.

There are hazardous consequences already known, with many experts and locals concerned. When there is health or environmental problems associated to their mines in the past, has South 32, invested time and money into the community living in the effected area? Do they or will they help to find solutions and clean up and compensate?

There a lot of evidence that South 32 mining has done a lot of damage to people, communities and the environment in many countries in the world. South 32's track record shows this is not a company whose word you can trust.