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Comments: I've lived in Patagonia AZ for about 6 years now. I've lived in several locations in NM & AZ since leaving CA in 1992. Last location I resided prior to Patagonia was Tucson. I'm 72 now. I'm single, never married, which has allowed me to move freely, the freedom to choose my surroundings. I'm a photographer. I enjoy the outdoors immensely. Tucson was my least favorite places to reside since coming to the Southwest. I can no longer tolerate big city life. One day on a get-out-of-town drive to the country, my partner & I found ourselves in Patagonia. It suddenly came to me that day that I needed to move to Patagonia. Small, mostly quiet, quaint, surrounded by beauty, by nature. Patagonia is unique. It has that hasn't-been-discovered-yet feel in this fast-growing world.

The majority of locals take issue with foreign companies digging up American resources, using scarce desert water, and leaving behind a mess that mines have historically always done. Much due to an old law on the books from the past century! From what I've read & am hearing & now witnessing a taste of, a mine, any mine, in the Patagonia mountains would simply spoil this area beyond repair. Mining was here prior, it must remain in the past. The trucks passing through town are an unwelcome sight these past couple years. The roads are deteriorating. The mine traffic on old Harshaw Ave has increased & spoils the peace & quiet it had when I lived out there. Indeed, there are national forest lands out there & places where people go to camp & enjoy nature -- not huge trucks! The numbers of trucks I hear the mine is planning to move on the local roads is unimaginable. The amount of water the mine will use then discard in the local tributaries is not realistic or viable. These projects pose undeniable risks to a diverse biosphere of wildlife. We simply can't let this happen! Please leave our little town as you found it!