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Comments: From the Forest Service: "The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations."

The proposed 21st century industrialized mining plan of operations by foreign mining company South32 is scheduled to occur in a global biodiversity hotspot recognized by scientists as one of the top regions in the world most in need of research and protection for species survival.

If mining is approved in the Patagonia Mountains, it needs to be limited to daylight activity only and only during non-breeding seasons for the more than 100 federally threatened, endangered, and sensitive species in these mountains.

I hereby reference and incorporate herein all comments filed by Patagonia Area Resource Alliance on behalf of numerous organizations.