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Comments: I, in unity with the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, the Patagonia Mayor's Office and Congressman Raul Grijalva, request the public comment period be extended to a minimum 90 days.

The size and scope of this project and the potential for irreparable harm to the ecology and wildlife of the region warrants a longer time frame for public study and comment.

There is extreme community opposition to this project that must be carefully considered before this project is allowed to proceed. The following are paramount concerns:

Water usage, water waste, water quality and monitoring

Destruction of the unique biodiversity of our sky island ecosystem, home to unique and endangered species.

Truck traffic, congestion, erosion, air quality, downstream contamination, spills, accidents are immediate threats to the ecology and all residents of the area.

Destruction of our local emerging economy based on appreciation of the natural beauty and wildlife. I refer to the enormous interest in birding, local flora and fauna, hiking, biking, and all outdoor interests that attract others to our community to appreciate. People visit from all over the US and foreign countries to enjoy and appreciate our area. They come, spend money that supports local small businesses, and leave the area undisturbed.