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RE: Request for 120-day comment period for the Stibnite Gold Project Supplemental DEIS.

Ms. Jackson:

I recreate, hunt, and have worked in or around the proposed Stibnite Gold Project area of influence. I request a 45-day extension of the 75-day public comment period—for a total of 120 days—for the Stibnite Gold Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), for the following reasons.

1. The proposed mine is highly controversial and has the potential to significantly impact resources on public lands, including ESA-listed fish, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic River designation, Roadless Areas, and extensive ecological, cultural, and recreational resources.
2. Perpetua and the FS have had unlimited time and funds (including my taxpayer dollars) to develop the SDEIS. Alternatively, private citizens and businesses are being given a very restrictive time period.
3. The presence of many federal and other holidays within the 75-day comment period substantially diminishes the available time I have for review.
4. The proposal has changed substantially since the draft EIS, which requires additional time and resources for me to review.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the FS provide a 120-day comment period for the Stibnite Gold Project Supplemental DEIS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Petterson
Jim Petterson

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