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I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed Stibnite mine in Valley County. There were some comments that I had made previously that I feel were not adequately addressed.

Response to my comment (letter 19213, comment 3) states that FSM 6560 does not allow a principal to self-bond with company stock. There are no details listed on what is going to be required for Perpetua to fulfill their bonding requirement. The disturbance of this project is devastating to this area, and Valley County residents deserve to know the funds will be available to restore it as much as possible.

The response to my comment (letter 19213, comment 5) did not give any timeline about the restrictions for the use of this area for recreation nor was there any response to the effects this proposed mine would have on recreation with the additional traffic of big trucks and other mine traffic. There was no mention in the response about the disruption this proposed mine would have on wildlife in the 14,000 acres Perpetua proposes to control.

The Forest Service response to my comment used data that was not current (letter 19213, comment 6). The response stated that "mine operations and the current designation of the existing site as a CERCLA site have not impeded the historical growth of the Valley County tourist industry." I was not talking about the tourist industry. I was talking about the people that live in Valley County that will be affected by the influx of Perpetua employees. Medical care, roads, public schools and housing are all going to be impacted. There will be a huge burden on these public services with this influx, and it is the citizens of Valley County that will pay for these increased public services.

I am asking that the Forest Service look at all the objections to this project closely. A NO answer to Perpetua's proposal is the best plan for the Payette National Forest, the Boise National Forest, and Valley County.