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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest,

I live in McCall Idaho and am a frequent visitor to the South Fork Salmon for general recreation, hunting and fishing. I am retired from a professional career in resource economics. My academic training in economics was at Oxford University, U.K. I plan to analyze the economics sections of the Midas DEIS to provide informed local technical comment.

This preliminary comment is to request you extend the comment period. The present comment period is simply too short for me to review the entire document for general context, the obvious first step, nor to read and consider the economics section and write substantive comment.

This is a highly complex mining proposal, perhaps the most complex in Idaho history. The DEIS has been in process for over three years. The Covid 19 pandemic has reduced opportunity for public hearings. So public comment is the best, in fact the only remaining method for public input. Under these circumstances the choice of a 60 day comment period when there is no good reason not to choose 120 days seems surprising, arbitrary and not in the public interest.

Sincerely,
Phil Lansing