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Comments: I am a resident of Valley County, ID, and I have visited the South Fork of the Salmon River drainage for camping, hiking, bird watching, and fishing for many years.

I have participated in the NEPA process for the proposed Stibnite Gold Project (SGP) since its inception. I have looked forward to commenting on the DEIS for a long time.

Since the release of the DEIS on August 14, I have tried to read and understand as many pages as possible per day. So far, I've managed to read about 1,900 pages. With 3,800+ pages yet unread, it is clear I will not be able to read the entire DEIS, much less write substantive comments, by the end of the 60-day comment period.

I read in the CEQ regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act that, "Federal Agencies shall to the fullest extent possible: Encourage and facilitate public involvement in decisions which affect the quality of the human environment."

The 60-day comment period for the SGP DEIS does not "Encourage and facilitate public involvement[hellip]..". It is an obstacle and an impediment to public involvement. The arbitrary and unreasonably short comment period casts doubt on the integrity of the entire SGP DEIS process. I think you know that.

I request that you extend the comment period to at least 120 days. If you chose to do so, I (and many others) will commend your action. If you decide not to, I request you provide to me, in writing, your rationale and justification for your decision and an explanation as to how your decision is consistent with the Forest Service's clear legal obligation to "Encourage and facilitate public involvement[hellip]..".