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Comments: I am a Native Idahoan, local healthcare provider, and whitewater kayaker. I have spent the last 7 years kayaking the East Fork South Fork and South Fork Salmon and camping in the area. It's an area I look forward to going to multiple times every summer for the pristine water and surrounding beauty.

I am requesting an extension on the comment period to the full 120 days. This comment period falls immediately before national elections and the process is being rushed to have it pushed through under the current administration. There is evidence Midas has been pressuring state and federal lawmakers as well as the Forest Service to push this project through quickly with no regard to due process. The Forest Service has kept this quiet and has not made the DEIS readily accessible to people who lack internet access. Additionally there are several extenuating circumstances (COVID, hurricanes, wildfires, unemployment) that have made it difficult or impossible for people to be included in this public comment period. The comment period should be extended given the current state of turmoil to allow more people access and time to comment.