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Comments: To whom it may concern:

Based on the analysis of Jim R. Kuipers, P.E. of Kuipers & Associates LLC, Consulting Engineer for the Nez Perce Tribe, this mine is not economically nor strategically valuable in U.S. Our Nation is a net exporter of gold already, it would seem there is not a need to have another primarily gold-producing mine.

Antimony is mentioned as byproduct that is strategically valuable for the U.S. However, there are existing mines that could produce Antimony, if there were demand. Further, his analysis indicates there is not the capacity to domestically process the quantity of Antimony that would be produced, necessitating the export of raw material, completely undermining the National Security/strategical value argument of domestic mining for Antimony at this mine. It seems there is no legitimate need for this mine, economical or strategical, and especially not at the obvious environmental costs it would take on the local ecosystems.