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Comments: Personally, I have many doubts and concerns about the integrity of the current Payette Forest Draft Environmental Impact Study on the proposed stibnite mine project.

[ldquo][hellip]political operatives tend to interfere with the technical decisions made by agency professional staff. At this stage the agency Chiefs put pressure on personnel they supervise to make permit decisions in favor of their allied industries[rdquo] Nature[rsquo]s Trust

For the length of time taken to complete this report an appropriate amount of time should be given to the public to read, comprehend, study and understand the complex and confusing aspects presented. The time given is not enough and should be extended. No informational presentations were given to the public by the Forest Service.

The city of McCall presented 4 forums of public informationals given by professionals with public questions and declarations of concerns that were extremely well attended. (Note: these forums were taped and available for reference.) The City of McCall realized the serious implications that this project presented to its citizens and the future of the community. A copy of the DES is basically not available. Computer access to this document is difficult. As I do not own a computer, I feel unable to obtain information. Denying access to many is a civil wrong on so many levels period new paragraph my concerns are for the wolverine and the fate of its survival which i do not feel are radically addressed for its protection by proceeding with this proposed Mine project.

The wolverine is a unique and hard to study creature by its very nature. Preferring isolated and undisturbed habitat, the wolverine defends a large territory for itself and its den. This creature has a diminished population that will be further placed at risk by the disruptive activities and intrusions of this proposed mine and its development. The DEIS states: hundreds of thousands of acres of directly and indirectly impacted wolverine habitat would result from mine activities. (Chapter 4.13.2.1.3.2) Wolverines are specially designated..

The constant noise of drilling and blasting to create, move, and haul rock are beyond the scope of tolerance.

The extreme light lighting for night shifts is completely unnatural. How can a sensitive creature cope with these intrusions? What action is able to mitigate these horrific upsets of peace and quiet? Continued for 10 years The wolverine will be annihilated. How is this acceptable?

The proposal of building the burnt log road and access to the wilderness creates extremely disruptive effects that will diminish all environmental habitat.

Any consideration for public you should not be allowed. The detrimental consequences will be abhorrent to all nature. Have the impacts of public use been considered? The wolverine population will diminish wildness will be lost. How will the exploitation of these lands for a few short term benefit of the future of wildness for perpetuity?

I demand no action towards the expansion of the proposed mining operation plan as the only way to ensure protection and survival of the wolverine. There is too great a cost in harming nature. I do not feel this is adequately addressed in the DEIS . We have the responsibility to be better stewards of our lands our water our air and the creatures of these places.

[ldquo]Where will agencies draw the line against natural resource damage? Where lies the point at which they deny permits? Generally agencies treat this as a political rather than illegal matter because they enjoy such broad discretion. The general pattern seems to be the agencies allowed damage until the natural resource

stands on the brink of collapse or beyond. In short they use their discretion under environmental law to bankrupt nature .[rdquo] Nature[rsquo]s Trust

Do not permit the very harm that you are supposed to prevent

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The city of McCall forum series