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Comments: I am writing to you today to request an extension on the 75-day public comment period for the Stibnite Gold Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I believe that an extension, to a full 120 day review, is crucial to allow adequate time to review and fully understand the contents of this new proposal.

As full time Valley County residents who have regularly had the opportunity to recreate on the pristine waters of the South Fork Salmon river and surrounding public lands, my husband and I are well aware of what is at stake if this project moves forward. It is imperative that we preserve the clean water and air quality for future generations to enjoy.

This gold mine is highly controversial and has the potential to cause irrevocable damage to our beloved back yard. We have been committed since the original DEIS was published to advocating for a thorough review of the project. The updated proposal has changed significantly and warrants a meticulous review which will take time and resources. Not to mention that we are moving into holiday season which means 'busy season' for all of us working locally in McCall. The Forest Service has allowed larger review periods for mining projects, that in my opinion, had a lot less at stake. Please do not rush this process, the potential impacts are monumental