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Comments: Dear forest service folks,

I am a montana and idaho residence, and I have some thoughts on the perpetua proposed mine in the headwaters of the SF salmon. First off, please extend the public comment period by 45 days. The comment period is essential, and this is a busy time of year for most folks.

I am concerned with how this mine will undoubtedly affect the health of the watershed, ecosystem and general holistic health of the salmon river. This is a crucial spawning grounds for salmon and steelhead, and this mine will release heavy metals, create sound disturbances, and negatively affect water quality. It seems the 1870s mining regulations are outdated. Please consider updating the regulations to more accurately reflect the needs of our environment and community. I believe this line would violate treaty requirements with the Ned Perce and I firmly support the nez Perce fisheries. I am also a guide on the middle fork and main salmon sand I believe this line would hurt the Columbia river basin and the health of the Columbia as a whole.

Please consider,

Thanks.

Katie veteto