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Comments: CHINOOK SALMON COMMENT

Within the SGP footprint, critical habitat exists for ESA-listed chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout all exist. First comment, regarding the proposed action, final mitigation for the proposed project needs to not allow any taking of adult and smolt chinook salmon within the project boundary. USFS needs eliminate potential chinook salmon taking by establishing a chinook salmon monitoring protocol, implement the protocol, and assess results to prevent any chinook salmon from being taken by project related activities. Since the chinook salmon are ESA-listed, Perpetua's project does not have the authorization to take chinook salmon. Second comment, the experimental fish tunnel should be eliminated and replaced with a fish trap followed by transportation and release of fish into waters upstream of mining operations.