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I would like to express my concern about the 75 day comment period for Supplemental Draft EIS of Stibnite Gold project. I believe such a short comment period for a very complex proposal fails to give me enough time to participate and make an educated comment . Please extend the comment period to 120 days.

Best,

Lida Clouser

McCall, Idaho

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Thomas Poole

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I'm writing to ask that a 45 day extension for the Stibnite Gold Project be added for public comment for a total of 120 days. This area has qualifications for Wild and Scenic designation, as well as roadless areas and extensive ecological, cultural and recreational resources. This area should not be a site for soil and water contamination, but rather a cherished wild space for generations behind us. It's too short-sighted to let a handful of developers come in and ruin this national treasure. Please hold the Forest Service accountable to make an informed decision and encourage public participation.

Thank you, Terry Allen 11/21/2022

Comments on Stibnite:

11/23/22

Allowing this project will impact the Frank Church Wilderness with decreased recreation opportunities, wildlife disturbance, dark sky intrusion, and a far-reaching disturbance in proximal public lands. This cannot be mitigated and does not "Care for the Land and Serve the People (CftLaStP)". The disturbances sprawl far beyond the boundaries of the project area. The EIS does not reflect this reality.

87% of this project will impact and be on FS land. This is not fair to US citizens.

The mitigation efforts to protect Salmon, Steelhead, Bull Trout (ESA's) and Westslope Cutthroat (Sensitive) are untested, are built on contaminated soils, and will pose a threat in themselves due to contamination potential and increased water temperatures for hundreds of years. This does not CftLaStP.

This threatens the SF Salmon and everything downstream. How could that possibly be allowed by Federal Representatives tasked with the care of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and the Pacific Ocean? If this project were in a landlocked location, it would have some different considerations. It is not, it is on the Salmon River! The EIS does not reflect relevance of the location.

This EIS pays no regard to Indigenous treaty rights.

In short, the EIS is extremely short sighted by dealing with environmental effects singularly and arrogantly, as if each factor is neatly individual.

The combination of potential and likely cumulative effects overwhelmingly illuminates a complexity that any EIS cannot encapsulate, and is therefore unable to direct mitigation.

The history of mining in the US is one of consistent and environmental repercussions, in spite of FS best practices at the time. This is undeniable and irrefutable. Many projects had elaborate EIS studies. This project must be denied due to the fact that an EIS does not give the FS the depth of information necessary to regulate an operation of this scope and magnitude on predominately public lands.

Because this EIS is incapable of encapsulating the amalgamation of effects of such a wide range of effects that this project produces, it is not sufficient to allow the project.

Please do the right thing and CftLaStP. Deny this Stibnite project.

Sincerely,

Richard Barker

I have been a river guide on the Salmon river in Idaho since 1997. And previous to that I worked for Outward Bound as a mountaineering instructor, sometimes working courses in the Payette National Forest between McCall and Yellowpine. I was based out of McCall for 15 years and as an avid whitewater kayaker I have spent many glorious days paddling the South Fork of the Salmon and all its tributaries. So the thought of 392 tonnes of heavy metal laden and possibly acid generating material being disturbed and stored by this proposed project fills my heart with anguish. The waters of the Salmon river are pristine and provide incredible critical habitat for endangered fish. I simply do not believe that this proposed mine would not do detrimental and irreversible damage to this valuable ecosystem.

Please provide an extension to the public comment period for the Stibnite Gold Project. 75 days is not adequate. Please increase it to at least 120 days.

Sincerely,

Helen Low

11/25/2022

To Linda Jackson,

11/27/22

You are undoubtedly aware of the incident where an excavator working on behalf of the mining company, broke down on an approach road to the Stibnite mine. Other travelers were forced off of the road in order to get around the machine. This occurred 9/29/22, and preceeded the regulated start date for mine work. It was not on mine claim land. The driving conditions in that area on that day were described to me as "completely inappropriate, high speed, city-like driving by multitudes of large mining company vehicles on the tight and narrow dirt roads, which was scary and unsafe".

These are exactly the kinds of invasive disturbances which will occur with compounding effects as this project ramps up that are NOT addressed by the EIS that the mine is using to check off boxes of mitigating practices. The disturbance sprawl that the mine will present, with most of it outside of mining claim boundaries, and bleeding over into all of the major tributaries of the Salmon River System, as well as the Frank Church Wilderness area, is UNCONTAINABLE if allowed to proceed. Forest Service oversight will be no match for this city of workers who will not have the background to know, understand, and respect the impact that their every action will have on the area.

The EIS does NOT, and cannot, address the scope of impact that will be put upon this area that is preserved for the US people and for which you are charged with Care for the People and the Land.

Sincerely, Rick Barker

Dear Ms. Jackson,

It was nice to meet you in person at last nights informative open house meeting.

I would like to request a 45 day extension to review the new SDEIS. We all have busy lives and a 120 day comment period this time of year should seriously be given so we the Public can sift through new information to address any concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Joey Pietri

12/7/2022

Hello,

I live in McCall. I attended the Open House at the Best Western last night. The Stibnite project is a very complex venture with lots of moving parts. The comment period (during the holidays!) is very short. I understand that the USFS has the option to extend the comment period to ensure the public has ample time to ask questions and make well-considered comments addressing issues that will impact our community far into the future .

Lynn

12/7/2022

Linda Jackson; Hi my name is Scott Keithley and I'm writing to ask you to extend the comment period for the Stibnite gold project. This is a most complex project for the public to comment on and it's taken years to compile all the information that is in the SDIES and myself and many others would like a decent amount of time to try and decipher what is in this document. I think also with the holidays in the middle of the comment period it makes it even more difficult. Please consider extending the comment period to 120 days, this seems like a small thing to ask for considering the scale of this project and the importance of the outcome to all of us here in valley county. Thanks for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Scott Keithley. 12/7/2022

I am requesting an extension to the comment period on the SDEIS document for 45 additional days past the January 10 deadline. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Marilyn Olson

12/7/2022

To whom it may concern,

My name is Meg FitzMaurice. I was born and raised in Idaho and have resided in Valley County for the last 17 years. I feel fortunate to work, recreate and raise my family in this beautiful place.

I am writing you to encourage an extension of the SDEIS. As you are aware this is a monumental project with significant impacts to our environment and community. The current time given presents significant barriers to allowing a thorough review and analysis of an over 1600 page document including the time restriction of 75 days. This is the minimum required public comment which is further limited given that it extends over 3 major holidays- Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

An extension of this timeline is essential for participation of key leaders, scientists and the community given the length, technical language and extensive detail of this document. I encourage you to extend this to 120 days to allow for this time.

Thanks for your time, the work you do and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Cheers, Meg FitzMaurice

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Tina Blease

12/9/2022

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Thank you,

Abby Urbanek

12/9/2022

The Stibnite mining project is complex and will impact the future of the water, wildlife and the entire environment around its location. Please consider extending the comment period to allow the public additional time to review and comment on this major project.

Barbara Pyle

12/8/2022

Please extend the comment period for the SDEIS to 120 days due to this project being extremely complex and controversial. This is the busiest time of the year for most people. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Marilyn Olson

12/8/2022

Dear Linda Jackson and Kevin Knesek,

I have just picked up a copy of the Stibnite Gold Project Supplemental Draft EIS Statement. The paper copy is 5.75" thick. I am requesting an extension of the comment period to the full 120 days as it is not possible to fully evaluate and compare this to the previous documents in 75 days. We have just received the ability to get a thumb drive or paper copy recently in McCall. This is an extremely complex project and the public deserves time to fully evaluate what has been proposed. I have submitted this comment on the usda.gov site also.

Thank you,

Gail Rankin

12/9/2022

Ms. Jackson,

I'm writing to you as a member of the public and homeowner in Valley County who is concerned about the Stibnite Mine project. I have owned a cabin (formerly one of the original Forest Service cabins) near Lake Cascade and am a heavy user of many aspects of Valley County - its lakes, mountains, and rivers. I am an avid fisherman and backpacker and hope for what is best for the County. I also understand the need for economic activity and good paying jobs for people in the County.

My research into the Stibnite Mine project gives me a lot of concern in a few areas in particular:

- The impact on fish and other species dependent on aquatic environments.
- The massive amount of toxic by products the mine will produce and the history of mining companies inability to mitigate its impact on the environment
- The proposed construction of a fish tunnel upstream from the mine and the impact on the river and surrounding area for the rest of my lifetime, and likely that of my children and their children
- The impact on Highway 55 from New Meadows to Boise, and the potential for catastrophe in the event of a hazardous materials spill, which seems statistically likely.

I would like you to know that I am opposed to this project in its current form, and would request the following:

- Extend the public comment period for 45 days
- Ensure the Forest Service is committed to protecting Idaho's greatest resources, our public lands, and acts with that as a priority
- Consider that however good these mining jobs may be, they are temporary. When they end, the company and its shareholders will leave with their money. Those of us that remain will clean up the mess. Please set a high bar for the people hoping to create that mess.

Thank you for your service to the United States, and thank you for your time considering this email.

Sincerely,

Ryan O'Neil

12/16/2022

Dear Sir,

I'm writing regarding the Stibnite Mine comment period which is set to close on January 10, 2023. I am reviewing the supplemental EIR, and am finding that supporting documents are still being uploaded to the project website even as late as Dec. 20, 21, and 30th.

I ask you to please consider extending the public review and comment period for an additional 30 days to allow for a thorough examination and informed response by the public. I recognize that this has been a long process, but all the more reason to make sure we get it right in the final phase.

Thank you for your consideration. I urge you to support this process of public input.

Kind Regards,

Laura Lehrer

1/1/2023

Hi,

I am asking for an extension on the Perpetua/Stibnite Mining project comment period. Timing of the public comment and education about the plans was very poor and short-lived. Having crucial information brought forth and a chance to comment over the holidays in a very limited window of time is extremely difficult to defend our

concerns of our public lands.

Please take this into consideration

Thank you

Jason Fearheiley

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Thank you for your time,

Henry Roller

12/9/2022

Dear Brian,

I write to you as a concerned citizen. I am highly skeptical that all the information regarding the reopening of the south salmon's stibnite mine is reaching the masses. This issue is too important for such a short window of public comment. I believe that extending the period will help inform everyone of the potential negative impacts of this project. I will do my best to spread the message and information and I hope you do as well. Thanks!

Andrew Gonzales

12/9/2022

Dear Payette NF,

Please consider extending the comment period for the Stibnite Mine. As a former geoscientist, I worry the current mining regulations will not adequately protect this important watershed for both wildlife and communities downstream. I also worry about the associated costs of cleaning this mining site up once extraction has ceased. Sure, Perpetua Resources is obligated to clean up the site to EPA standards, but we must consider that Perpetua may not have the financial capacity to do this. In my home state of Montana, state taxpayers are still financing the cleanup for the Berkeley Pit. The mining corporation involved (ARCO) was unable to finance cleanup operations due to bankruptcy. And no, I am not talking about the crushing style of bankruptcy that the average citizen goes through. I am talking about company executives cashing out as they often do in mining before declaring "bankruptcy" for their company. Sure, we need these resources. Sure, there will be a positive economic impact to local Idahoan communities via mining jobs. But those positive economic impacts could be seriously offset by the financial burden of cleaning up this proposed mine site... paid for by none other than We the People. I also hope you will consider the impacts to water quality and wildlife. Idaho is one of the last best

places. It has brought me endless joy as a kayaker and fisherman. We must protect this place not only for private recreation enthusiasts, but also for the whitewater, hunting, hiking, and fishing guide industry that are the lifeblood of these small Idahoan communities like Riggins and Banks. Thank you for your time and I hope you take my values into consideration.

Sincerely,

Rhys McKinstry

12/9/2022

Hello!

I'm writing to ask that the comment period be extended 45 days to provide ample information before commencing extraction and remediation at the mine site.

Thank you

Erik Sand

12/9/2022

I am writing this email to demand that the public comment period be extended for the reopening of the Stibnite mine near yellow pine, idaho. I worked, lived and played in the great state of idaho for 5 years.

There are so many facets to this issue. These effects are local: destroying culturally and ecologically significant bull trout populations and damaging the water quality on the south fork salmon and main salmon rivers. The effects are state and region wide as well: setting the precedent for a non local company to profit off ecological destruction in our state, and affecting fish populations far downstream. This will affect many aspects of the economy.

There is no way you are going to get an accurate representation of the public's view of this issue in a 75 day comment period over the holidays. You know this. Please do the right thing and extend this period so you can at least get an honest response from everyone who has stake in this project.

Sincerely,

Joey Filmanowicz

12/9/2022

Please extend the public comment! Period.

Elli Kiselica

12/9/2022

Please extend the public comment period for the Stibnite mine proposed by the perpetua mine company.

Thanks,

Katie Veteto

12/9/2022

My name is Christina and I deeply urge you to extend the 30 day comment period on the Stibnite Gold Project.

There are deeply violent environmental implications if this project moves forward.

We are so tired of watching businesses under the protection of the government conduct such violent crimes against earth and humanity on the basis of making an extra dollar. I implore you to fight for our future and to do everything you can to stop this project. We are getting tired of writing letters with perfect grammar and attending planned organized protests. We are ready to do something no one is expecting. We are united and we will unite further. You think we won't fight back?

Stop this project. We are watching.

Christina Newsom

12/10/2022

I am writing in opposition to the Stibnite Gold Project and to request a 45 day extension of the 75 day public comment period, as 75 days is not sufficient.

The Stibnite Gold Project will degrade air and water quality, will adversely impact fish and wild life habitat, will introduce light and sound pollution, will lead to hazardous materials spills and ground water pollution, and will leave taxpayers on the hook for future water treatment and remediation.

I am a river enthusiast and regular recreational user of the Salmon River water sheds and surrounding Forest Service lands. The unique water and fisheries qualities of the area draws me as an out of state visitor to the area several times a year. Please work to preserve this unique wilderness area and stop it's ruination by cyanide vat leach mining.

#StopStibnite

Thank you,

David E. Timm

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