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Comments: The following are questions I have that the SDEIS does not seem to address:

- 1. How can we adequately protect endangered species such as Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout in this environment, while at the same time impairing it further through the action alternatives proposed by Perpetua?
- 2. How will habitat fragmentation as a result of the construction of the Burnt Log road impact sensitive species like wolverines, elk, wolves, and other megafauna?
- 3. Water temperature projections don't seem to account for increasing environmental temperatures due to climate change. How will regulation of water temperature change throughout the future to maintain suitable temperatures for fish?
- 4. How will the 200+ miles of Wild and Scenic river that exists downstream of the mine be impacted?
- 5. How can the future of water quality be guaranteed?
- 6. How does Perpetua plan to address treaty violations?
- 7. How will noise and air pollution impact sensitive resident and migratory bird species?
- 8. If an avalanche or earthquake destroys any of the tailings storage facilities, how will communities that live along the 700 miles of river to the ocean be impacted? How will oceanic species and coastal communities be impacted?
- 9. When this mine destroys the last remaining suitable habitat for Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout, what remaining habitat will the PNFS be able to point to as an option to save these species that millions of people depend on for survival?

I oppose this project in its entirety and believe it would be best to allow the Nez Perce to continue the restoration efforts they started before Midas forcibly stoped them from doing so.