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Comments: I would like more information about truck traffic traveling on highways 95 and 55 to the Stibnite site. A chart refers to highway 55 vehicle numbers during construction, operation, and reclamation and closure phases. During the operation phase (15 years) the prediction is an AVERAGE of 156 daily trucks. Are these trucks traveling south from Lewiston on highway 95 through Lapwai, Grangeville, Riggins, New Meadows, and then taking highway 55 through McCall? Or are they traveling north from Boise on highway 55 through Cascade and Donnelly? Over the next 20 years there could be approximately 1.3 million truck trips. Some of these trucks will be carrying hazardous materials. What plans does Perpetua Mining have to mitigate the effects of pollutants (noise and air and hazardous materials) on the communities these trucks travel through?

I'm concerned about increased noise and air pollution from truck traffic and hazardous waste traveling through ALL the small communities and neighborhoods enroute to the Stibnite site but I'm concerned about my neighborhood in particular. I live in SW McCall and from my home I can see and hear truck traffic on the Boydston/Deinhard bypass. Many trucks currently travel on the bypass and Perpetua Mining plans will no doubt increase the number. I am aware of discussions to move the State Highway from downtown McCall to the bypass as there are concerns about large trucks traveling through the downtown corridor. Although downtown McCall is no place for a State Highway with significant truck traffic and I support the use of the bypass, I would like to learn about plans to mitigate the impact of additional traffic to neighborhoods along the route. My suggestions include:

Buffered Bike Lane:

The existing bike lanes are inadequate with current heavy truck traffic which often use this space while traveling along the bypass. A buffered bike lane would provide safer travel for non-motorized individuals.

Sound & Visual Barriers:

Strategic placement of sound walls or berms to reduce noise pollution and visual impact.

Speed Study:

Bypass speed study to determine the feasibility of speed changes to help with safety and noise pollution.

Thank you for your time and effort to investigate and understand the likely effects of the Perpetua Mining project.