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Comments: My name is Rick Richins. In this email I refer to my detailed comments on the DEIS dated August,2020, on record with the USFS. I support adoption of the company's

(Perpetua's) Proposed Action. The company has pro-actively modified the project to meet USFS suggestions and public comments in a transparent manner, within the confines of project economic feasibility and "practicability" (see my earlier comments on "practicability").

The project area is impacted adversely by historic mining. The U.S.

government has attempted, unsuccessfully, to clean it up in piecemeal projects which have shown only limited positive environmental results.

It is clear from reading the DSEIS and having a sound understanding of the site, Perpetua's plan to successfully mine and restore the area is the only economically feasible approach to get the job done. It is clearly a sustainable project with huge economic benefits to the region.

Based on my review of the DSEIS and my 45 years of environmental and mining experience, I believe the Perpetua proposal to mine and environmentally restore the site is a "once in a lifetime opportunity"

for the USFS and other resource agencies to finally get the job done in a comprehensive manner. It is now time to issue a positive ROD, and to implement the company's proposal. It is time to put all the studies and final analysis into a concise ROD that is transparent and all encompassing. It is time to "get it done."

Respectfully submitted, Rick Richins