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Linda Jackson, Payette National Forest Supervisor,

As a resident of Valley County for 40 years and my wife a resident of 30 years, we have enjoyed recreating in and around the South Fork of the Salmon River for decades. I have concerns about the Perpetua Mine Project.

This is a special place for many user groups throughout Idaho as well as nationally. Many people like myself find this area invaluable. I find the very thought of this area to be degraded by a private entity for profit to be very disturbing. Please do not approve this mine.

I am concerned the Perpetua Mine Project will threaten several resources. Water quality is directly threatened by this proposed project. The Payette National Forest and Perpetua need to conduct more studies as the SDEIS is sorely lacking in several areas as to make it insufficient as a basis for decision. Please conduct more environmental studies.

Fish and wildlife will be directly impacted by this project. Any sort of accident at the site or along any trucking route will have far reaching and unseen consequences.

Having boated the South Fork of the Salmon since the 1980's. I have seen the numbers of Chinook Salmon steadily dwindle. Any site accident would surely place their survival in even more peril.

Travelling in the South Fork and East Fork corridors safely will be jeopardized. Perpetua's vehicles will create a public safety hazard for users in this area due to vehicle speed and size. The roads in this area are not designed to handle such traffic.

The environmental impact on the Burntlog Road will be enormous. Conflicts with user groups on this road are inevitable. Beside the obvious conflicts transport of mining equipment and materials pose the prospect of a hazardous materials spill seem too large to risk in this fragile ecosystem.

The economic benefit to such a project does not outweigh the risk. Upgrading the Burntlog Road is in direct conflict with the endangered species act as it will adversely affect designated critical habitat for Canada Lynx, Wolverine, and the Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel. Species will be displaced, and wildlife mortality will increase.

In closing I am completely opposed to the THE STIBNITE GOLD PROJECT by Perpetua Resources the public interest of Valley County citizens and taxpayers will not be served by this project. Please choose the No-Action alternative.

Thank you,  
Richard Chavis  
McCall, Idaho