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Comments: In the past, I have camped, rode horseback and hiked in the area of the Stibnite Gold Project, though mostly in the Frank Church Wilderness past Thunder Mountain. This vast area is only accessed through Stibnite. I'm afraid this beautiful part of the Payette will become inaccessible due to the estimated three thousand trips per year needed to haul material to and from this one mine. Who in their right mind would want to travel this road, risking life and limb, multiple semi-trucks on narrow roads with blind corners. The only people on this public road will be paid mining employees and the occasional forest service truck.

The Payette National Forest is supposed to be all about multi-use, but if the SGP is approved, recreational use for the most part will end this entrance to the Frank Church. The mine is expected to operate for twenty years, so I, due to age and many others, will never visit this area again.

The environmental issues I have are mostly disaster response. With the aforementioned three thousand estimated vehicle trips per year, many with extremely toxic chemicals, accidents are inevitable and will happen.

Are there detailed planned responses? Quick response teams for land and rivers 24/7.

These are our land, rivers and wildlife. Also, I did read of the proposed four hundred foot tall dam for the tailings pond at Meadows Creek valley. This is seventy feet higher than Hell's Canyon Dam on the Snake River. A breach on this scale would be catastrophic and uncontainable.

My last issue is one concerning a potential Perpetua bankruptcy. If gold, for some reason drops to a price where mining isn't sustainable and files bankruptcy is there bonding that pays for cleanup? Or are we stuck with the cleanup and the cost?

I do not approve the SGP Perpetua mine and urge the Payette National Forest to choose No-Action for this project.

Thanks,

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