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Comments: To whom it may concern,

The proposed gold mine is extremely detrimental to the environment and community in Idaho. It will require using and transporting dangerous chemicals to the site. This leaves an opportunity for spills and for the aforementioned toxic chemicals to seep into the groundwater. This will harm the community. Toxic chemicals in the groundwater also could kill off the population of fish wildlife in this area. Orcas, Chinook Salmon, Snake River Basin Steelhead, and Columbia River Bull Trout are all known to inhabit the area, or downstream. All four of these species are federally threatened, with three having Designated Critical Habitat. This not only endangers people, but animals too.

I live in an area similar to Valley county in Idaho. Just like our forests are huge for recreation, the same applies there. It's also important for tourism which further helps the economy of these areas. The gold mine not only prevents people from recreating in the area (damaging the tourist industry), but it also uproots the wildlife that depend on the area to survive. For example, wolverines are considered a threatened population. They inhabit the area where the mine is proposed. This could potentially kill off multiple wolverines, and due to their low reproductive rate they could become extinct from this area. The SDIS fails to address this.

There was a mine here before. They ended up shutting down and leaving the area in terrible condition. Perpetua Resources claims to clean up after they're done, but as seen before, there's a potential for them to go bankrupt and leave the area irredeemable. There has been a history of not cleaning up the area. Idaho residents will end up paying for it all. This will only end up hurting the economy.

Thank you,
Holly Huwe