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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), proposed at the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed. This project presents a severe risk to Chinook salmon and bull trout, will harm the recreation industry in Idaho, and violates treaty reserved rights of the Nez Perce people, who have been on this land since time immemorial.

On a personal note, I am an avid whitewater kayaker, and lover of the boundless natural resources Idaho has to offer. Some of my fondest memories have been made on Idaho rivers, and I cannot stand by and watch as the rivers, forests, wildlife, and treaties in this area are destroyed for something as short-sighted and degenerate as profit. It is a sick and twisted perversion of priorities to place the profit of a few over the resources and beauty enjoyed by all. The Forest Service must "Care for the Land and Serve the People" in this and all instances.

Although Perpetua prefers to present the SGP as a 'restoration' project, it is a massive industrial mine that will leave the landscape unrecognizable and degraded for lifetimes to come through the creation of three open pits, the permanent storage of over 120 million tons of toxic mine tailings above previously undisturbed wetland habitat, and an expanded footprint that more than doubles the previous disturbance of the Stibnite mining district.

The SGP will have adverse effects on Chinook salmon and bull trout. Given the billions of dollars spent on Snake River salmon recovery, this project represents a severe risk and flies in the face of this investment and effort to restore these species to a sustainable population. Stream temperatures are predicted to be elevated for up to 100 years within the mine site boundary, annihilating fish habitat for generations. Again, all of this to increase the wealth of a few already wealthy people.

Throughout the life of the mine, hazardous materials will be transported to the site through the communities of Valley County, but there are no risk analyses on local communities if a hazardous spill were to occur. And let's be real, a spill is going to occur. These systems are fallible, and all it takes is one mistake, one oversight, one loose bolt, one collision for an entire community, habitat, and/or watershed to be polluted and uninhabitable for lifetimes to come.

Finally, the SGP will violate treaty-reserved rights of the Nez Perce and other indigenous peoples of Idaho. The SDEIS clearly states that "Adverse impacts to tribal rights and interests under either alternative, including preventing access to traditional lands, harming traditional fishing and hunting rights, impacting endangered salmon and concerns that it would harm the tribe's salmon restoration efforts." To be more blunt, this mine project will be just another chapter in the ongoing cultural genocide and displacement of indigenous people, placing Laurel Sayer (CEO of Perpetua), Jess Largent (CFO of Perpetua), the shareholders, board, and project managers, within the same historic ranks of evil as those who perpetuated the Trail of Tears, eugenic sterilization, residential schools and countless other atrocities.

For these reasons, I urge the Forest Service to protect the Salmon River watershed and reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan.