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Comments: Comment - Soils - Lack of analysis of private land ownership for suitable soil for reclamation. Section 3.5 Soils and Reclamation Cover Materials.

From my experience as a past mine geologist, when reclamation finally commences there always seems to be a shortage of soil. The analysis would be improved if this component could be included within the TSRC analysis area in Section 3.5. It would be good to know how much is actually available on private land.

Final Forest Service approval of the Modified Mine Plan should include the ability to bring in suitable soil from private land located off-site if needed. While costs would be excessive, this is a reasonable mitigation that would alleviate public concern for the success of reclamation activities in riparian areas. Hopefully, there is enough stockpiled soil from mining operations that this wouldn't be required.

The supplied story map for Perpetua's 2021 Modified Mine Plan and Supplemental EIS was outstanding. It sets a new standard for public participation in the NEPA process and this methodology should be incorporated in all future Forest Service projects.