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Comments: Given all the information on Perpetua's proposed Stibnite mine, one must ask; what facts are most important to moving forward on approval of the mine. One, we know it will have a minimum impact on generating new growth in the economies of the surrounding counties, but it will have a negative impact on the infrastructure of our communities (i.e., roads, housing, healthcare, and services) by increasing demand without the supply for those new needs. Second, we have seen numerous studies demonstrating the negative impact on our fish population and significant harm to our fragile environment in Payette National Forest. Yes, cleaning up the old mine is good, but it comes at a very high price that significantly harms our natural resources.

So why approve the Stibnite mining operation? Money and important minerals. This tradeoff transfers monies to company coffers at the cost of our nature and community. If Perpetua sees that this is not a lucrative project, you can be assured that they will leave the communities holding the bag--this is clearly demonstrated in mining history and is confirmed by the absurdly low bond for the potential cleanup fund. Please do not approve the Stibnite mining project for our community. Ensure that our natural ecosystem is not significantly harmed.