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Comments: Dear Forest Service - Thank you for taking my comments on the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516

For over 40 years I have enjoyed kayaking, hiking and camping in the area that will be impacted by any new mining at the Stibnite site. This area is too valuable to destroy and pollute, in trade just for a questionable promise to clean up and "restore" someday. Let me explain my distrust with Perpetua's plan or "promises".

As a worker, I have witnessed the differences between marketing promises and the reality on the ground. While working for a mining company previously, I saw their advertising brag about their low "Lost Time Injury Rate" from accidents. However, in reality, if someone was injured they were offered their regular wage plus their worker compensation if they would return to the jobsite. The company would pick up the injured worker in an accessibility van at their home as soon as they were released from the hospital, bringing them into the timeclock area in a wheelchair, and then into the lunchroom to wait out the day. In one case, the worker had burns over the majority of his body and he was wheeled in wrapped in bandages from head to toe, looking like a mummy. When asked why he would endure the extra misery, he said because of the extra money the mining company was paying to him to minimize their "Lost Time Injury Rate".

That company's mining smelter was required to control sulphuric acid released into the atmosphere and had a facility to filter out and bottle the acid emissions. However, when the facility exceeded its capacity, almost pure sulphuric acid fumes were ventilated directly out the side of the building. One day an exhaust fan came on as a group of workers was passing by, and all of the workers fell to their knees, coughing and gagging from the sulphuric acid fumes. Since this was a random activity, there was no practical way for the government oversight inspectors to trace this violation.

In another factory, I listened the plant manager bragging about all of the ways that he had figured out to sneak product past the government inspector when it was sub-standard.

Where there is a will there is a way! All indications in some statements made by Midas Gold (Perpetua's former name) indicate that this company has the will and the way. Changing the name to Perpetua does NOT mean that their underlying intent has changed and the Forest Service should not be fooled.

There is every reason to believe that Perpetua will do everything within their power to cheat on their environmental obligations, releasing toxins whenever they think they can get away with it, and to make sure to time these infractions away from government inspection and oversight. Please don't trust Perpetua.