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Comments: First of all, I would like to request a 45 day extension to the comment period for a total of 120 days for the Stibnite Gold Project.

I would like to tell the Forest Service to stop Perpetua's project. The project impacts resources of high public interest including ESA listed fish, the Frank Church River of no return wilderness, rivers that are eligible for Wild and Scenic River designation, roadless areas, and extensive ecological, cultural and recreational resources. Perpetua's project at Stibnite mine will impact designated critical habitat for ESA listed chinook, steelhead, and bull trout as well as west slope cutthroat trout, a Forest Service listed sensitive species. 392 million tons of heavy metal laden and possible acid generating material will be disturbed and stored with potential to further contaminate water resources of the site. Negative impacts from a hazardous spill along the road, increased noise levels from site operations, wildlife displacement, and disturbance to natural dark skies will all be consequences to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

In addition, historic chinook spawning grounds upstream of the mine would be reconnected via an untested mile long fish tunnel, only to be covered in hundreds of feet of toxic mine tailings. "Restoration" would mean a reconstructed River channel flowing on top of the tailings with elevated water temperatures for the next 100 years.

Recreation opportunities within the Operations Area Boundary would be eliminated until after reclamation. 87% of new disturbances will fall on our public lands under the administration of the Payette and Boise National Forests. World class whitewater paddling on suitable Wild and Scenic section of the South Salmon River is threatened downstream of the site.

Access to cultural and ceremonial sites within the 14,221 acre operational boundary will be blocked for at least 20 years.

The mine falls within the Nez Perce Tribe's traditional hunting, fishing, and foraging grounds to which they have treaty rights.

For all of these reasons I am opposed to Perpetua Resources' proposed project.

Thank you for your time.