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Comments: I am concerned that the mine will be a negative impact on recreation and wildlife in these areas which will have a negative economic impact on our small communities and our surrounding wildlife.

I insist that you do not approve this mine and pick the no action alternative. In a study by IHESG the general economic findings were that public and protected lands in Valley County added over \$11,000 to what the average income per resident would have been without those lands. Incomes of residents of Valley County are \$7400 higher (on average) than those of other non-metropolitan counties in Idaho due to economic benefits from local natural amenities. Any employment economic "benefit" from the mine could be almost completely wiped out by even a 2% decline in the visitor-recreation and non-labor income sectors, due to degradation of those natural amenities. Perpetua's property tax revenues of \$300,000 per year are expected to amount to 1.3% of Valley County's annual budget. Local workers' pay will likely be no more than 2-3% of Perpetua's overall mine spending.

I also insist that you do not approve this mine and pick the no action alternative because of the negative impact on wildlife. Despite the anticipated, significant adverse impacts to listed species and critical habitat, the SDEIS fails to demonstrate that the proposed Project can meet the strict standards under the ESA to protect the listed species and to ensure that there will be no destruction or adverse modification of their designated critical habitats.