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Comments: Dear Superintendent Jackson,

With all respect ,First Thing I felt the comment period time should have been extended. People with very busy lives and families do not have time to go through the thousand plus pages and give adequate analysis especially during the holiday season .From Halloween through New Years a drastically busy time for everyone. That aside, I request denial of permitting for the SGP.

I am in solidarity with the Nez PerceTribe and have a firm belief they have been the best stewards of these lands for Millenia.

The significant investment of time and money in restoring Fish Habitat to the area's watersheds will be threatened and one spill or mishap can undo their efforts where they had invested for years, with time, money and a commitment to bring back fish populations to the East and South Forks of the Salmon River.

How can Perpetua assure the Tribe and Public they won't undo the good work invested?

Please Honor Nez Perce Rights of the 1855 Treaty.

Hopefully with USFS cooperation usual and accustomed grounds for fishing, hunting gathering.on ancestral lands can be restored without adding additional devastation and so doing preservation of Indigenous Cultural Heritage for theTribes.. Where would we be without the NiMiiPuu today?

Please do not allow excavation, decimation and extraction of Gold or any other mineral deface their lands.. It is not worth what will be given up and never can be brought back regardless of lofty claims by Perpetua, a corporation really just mining for the profit and not for the Green benefits that will come or the Defense of our country as claimed.. That is a narrative just used for the purpose of justifying the heinous acts and Violence Against Nature, who has no voice of her own and is defenseless against Man, Machine and Greed.

Years ago a neighbor of mine that grew up on the Zena Creek Ranch told me a story of being able to take a pack string, fill his panniers up with fish and do enough trade in McCall to come back home fully stocked with provisions. I'm just guessing that it was the early 1930's. Story told by Carmel Parks, around 1986 he was approximately 77 years and was one good old boy!

The goal of Perpetua is not to restore, but to get gold, creating a need for more restoration.

Will Perpetua be there through the end of restorations if profits decline?

I am concerned things like the Divergent Fish Tunnel won't work

be done on the concept?

New roads concern me and travel along current roads are already a risk, being increased with large vehicles carrying hazardous materials at the top of our watersheds.

What are the assurances of those transports being safe?

What are the Avalanche safeguards?

In winter, snow, ice and avalanche conditions challenge the very best drivers; who may encounter other obstacles regardless of the time of year.

Human Error is a serious factor in accidents

How can Perpetua guard against that?

What is the science that says it will work? Can more studies

The safety of my children and grandchildren being on those heavily traveled roads for a pleasant outing in the backcountry to fish, hunt or soak in a hot spring or photograph will become an added source of anxiety for many families.

A mining veteran of thirty two years stated " accidents happen, not a matter of "if " but "when " and how severe?

Will Perpetua assume any responsibility for the safety of the recreational community when incidents occur as a result of Perpetua operations?..

Acid Mine Drainage yet another issue. It is no secret that occurs and accidents happen.

Why is AMD not addressed anywhere in the SDEIS?

It's existence seems to be ignored.

Examples of a few Mining related incident possibilities :

A Truck Crash spills more waste from Gold King Mine into Creek-AP July 10, 2018.

Zortman / Landusky Mine Montana Heap Leach Mine, over a dozen Cyanide spills, AMD and an abysmal history. With a bankruptcy leaving a 32 million dollar clean up bill.

Mount Polley , Lake Quesnel, Likely, BC, Ca. (Tailings Dam Breach)

I'm sure there are many more that can be cited.

I am extremely concerned about the discharge of Dredge and Fill materials into WOTUS and Wetlands. ES-1

What materials will the USACE approve in that practice?

Gold is the big item here but Antimony is conveniently located within the process of extracting gold and silver and Perpetua and the big investors were indeed fortunate to play out the green energy and strategic materials for defense card. No doubt using DC insiders for a \$25M boost.

There are plenty of munitions in the US Arsenal Stores to Annihilate all of life on earth already and there has been for years. Just guessing on that but it is a bad trade off to the Earth to deliberately decimate thousands of acres to make rich people richer essentially.

Let's face it, that is what this Mine is about pure Midas Greed. The restoration is a great marketing ploy but perhaps you can tell me how many of the same types of mines were restored and how many Companies pulled out, bankrupted and left a mess and a cleanup bill as big as the mess for the public to deal with. I'd like answers about that.

Where is Perpetua's responsibility when a hazardous material truck dumps its load say on Goose Creek Grade? or other hazardous road stretches between the mine and destination

About the Wildlife? where will they go when their Habitat is destroyed and they are displaced?

With the violent cutting, scraping and shifting of everything a piece of equipment can chew up.. For Investors wherever they may be,they are waiting for their return on investment. We locals have to live with the .mess.

I apologize for the hostile nature of my remarks, but it is upsetting to me seeing the current state of the SGP from the air and knowing it will be three times the current size if Perpetua gets its way.

What price and to whom will bring the affected areas back with safe, clean free flowing water?

More valuable than Gold

How long to ReWild what was decimated?

The human animal should not have any priority over the four leggeds and the winged, and swimming we are all related in God's Creation and need to observe the Rights of Nature. We are all connected.

Will restoration and Rewilding bring back all the habitat and populations lost by Wolverines,Canada Lynx, Cougar, Wolves ,,Eagles,Owls and diverse populations that share the Lands?

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The world needs less roads not more, especially roads like the Burnt Log Road. The eco destruction that goes along with road construction brings more devastation to a pristine area too close to the FCRCNRW.

How will this affect Migration Corridors and Wildlife ?

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TSF- In attending the USFS/Perpetua presentation at the Best Western McCall this past Fall I was astonished how many questions Perpetua was unable to answer. Most disturbing was the question of thickness of membrane for the Tailings pit. The person that to me would be Knowledgeable could not answer that simple question nor could anyone else.

Is a 60 Mil membrane is that sufficient

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This Is Nez Perce Cultural Land we are talking about. They (NIMIIPUU) should dictate the ultimate decision.

I recommend "NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE on the entire project.

Thank you

Sincerely

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