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Comments: Please extend the public comment comment period for further consideration.

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 & Scenic River designation, Roadless Areas, and extensive ecological, cultural, and recreational resources.

Even with reclamation efforts, the mine site will bear the scars of extraction for generations to come. Contamination may persist in soil and aquifers for lifetimes. After many years of growth and replanting, the access roads and footprints of support facilities will continue to be noticeable and out of place within the broader landscape. This decision should not be made lightly; it should be made with informed considerations from the FS and public land users alike.