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Comments: Forest Supervisor Jackson,

I implore the Forest Service to reject the proposed stibnite mine plan.

I caught (and released) my first trout on a fly rod on the East Fork of the South Fork. I have loved ones who have multiple generations worth of memories and lessons learned on the South Fork of the Salmon River. It is difficult to hear that the wellbeing of this incredibly delicate and complex ecosystem is potentially being put in harm's way.

I am concerned about the water demand of 5,000 gallons per minute and that the SGP plans to divert The East Fork of the South Fork in order to mine under the river bed. The 100-million tons of toxic mine tailings which will be kept behind a 440-foot dam is in a seismically active area with significant earthquake risk.

I am concerned for bull trout, chinook salmon, and steelhead populations, all listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Not only will the SGP block 7 miles of invaluable habitat, it is also projected to raise stream temperatures to lethal levels for fish.

I am concerned for the Nez Perce Tribe's efforts to support and protect their ancestral lands and treaty-reserved rights.

As we have seen in recent years in Idaho, an increase in population/demand is not always beneficial to communities, especially for small communities in surrounding areas. What these communities rely on is the recreation and tourism that the South Fork attracts. The SGP will be detrimental to recreation and tourism.

All of this destruction is masked by a thin, seemingly environmentally friendly application of antimony; a metallic element that is used in a type of battery for renewable energy storage.

Perpetua Resources has claimed that damage from historic mining cannot be fixed without more mining. In other words, we can't put out this fire until we add gas to it and let it burn for another 20-25 years (the proposed lifecycle of this mine). The Forest service, Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, and so many others have put millions of dollars into restoration of affected habitats and, might I add, they did it without destructive methods that have negative, long-lasting impacts. In 20-25 years I will be 48, likely with children who will never get to experience the South Fork of the Salmon River in the same way that I have.

Please - listen to the voices of those who hold the South Fork of the Salmon River near and dear, not the empty promises of Perpetua Resources.