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Dear Linda Jackson, Payette River Supervisor, USFS Chief Randy Moore, USFS Associate Chief Angela Coleman, and NEPA Committee,

I am writing to support the USFS in choosing the NO ACTION Alternative for the proposed Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516.

The Forest Service should reject the proposed mine plan because it:

Violates the Payette and Boise Forest Land Resource Management Plans;

Fails to minimize all adverse environmental impacts, thus violating 2 federal laws - the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Organic Act;

Violates the Clean Water Act;

Conflicts with established Treaty Rights;

Violates the Endangered Species Act;

Fails to provide evidence that Perpetua's mining claims are legally valid; and

Because there is no need for a gold or antimony mine at this time. First, there is an abundance of gold in the United States, which is primarily used for hoarding-not any useful technologies. According to Statista.com, 55.43% of gold is used for jewelry, 25.02% for investment, 11.33% for central banks, and only 8.21% for technology (Statista.com, 2023). Second, even if antimony is not currently mined as a "primary" by-product of a gold mine, there are known substitutes for its primary use, which is as a fire retardant in clothing and furniture. Antimony's use in weaponry is an insufficient justification for what is really a gold mine. If this really is an antimony mine, then the project footprint can be much smaller as the mining could be conducted underground.

According to USFS and NEPA considerations, and due to the absence of necessary and requested data and information in the SDEIS, the NO ACTION Alternative is the only alternative legitimately fit for support by the USFS.

Thank you,
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