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Comments: Regarding EIS #50516,

The U.S. Forest Service makes the following errors in its consideration of Perpetua's 2021 MMP: i.) the 75-day public comment is insufficient for the scope and impact of the proposed mining project; and ii.) the proposed impacts of the 2021 MMP are significantly detrimental to the ecological, cultural, and economic value of the South Fork Salmon River and approval of the 2021 MMP alternative violates the Forest Service's duty to the ecosystem and its users.

To correct these errors, the Forest Service should extend the valuable public comment period an additional 45-days to provide the public a sufficient time period to review and analyze such an extensive and potentially detrimental proposal. The Forest Service should also reconsider its analysis of this "preferred alternative," as the DEIS plainly states that the decades long impacts of the project include facilities and infrastructure construction detrimental to ESA-listed species and cultural resources, and reclamation challenges that seemingly preclude effective restoration of the site's natural ecology, including the permanent elimination of six wetlands within the project area. Further, the South Fork, Frank Church, and surrounding public lands contain key recreational destinations and play a key role in the region's culture. Allowing extractive resources to harm these areas is misaligned with the Forest Service's mission and a disservice to the public.