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Comments: My name is John Hillman and I am a 5th generation Idahoan. I was born and raised in Lewiston, Idaho along the banks of the Snake, Salmon, and Clearwater Rivers. Water became my life. Fishing was my childhood passion. As a teenager, I learned to kayak and I began exploring the remote whitewater rivers in Idaho. I became a river guide, and now have over 3500 days spent in the Idaho backcountry. I studied biology in college and have worked as a fisheries/wildlife biologist for the past 26 years. I call Idaho home.

I am strongly opposed to the issuance of a permit for the Stibnite Gold Project (EIS 50516). The long term environmental and socio-economic costs are far to great compared to the short term economic gains.

Please answer the following questions:

How will Perpetua guarantee water quality of the South Fork Salmon drainage for our future generations?

Is there a known presence of the Idaho Giant Salamander (Dicamptodon aterrimus) in the South Fork Salmon drainage and how will it be recognized?

How will the Treaty Rights of the Nez Perce tribe be recognized by Perpetua?

Who will be held accountable for the destruction of the public lands that Perpetua will be developing on?

This is a morally wrong project and should not be allowed to proceed.

-John W Hillman