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To:

Stibnite Gold FEIS

Forest Supervisor

Matt Davis

Payette NF

RE:

Lodging an Objection to the Stibnite Gold Final EIS

Date 10/19/2024

As stated in my Comment Letter #19345:

"this mining project threatens a precious river corridor with its waste production and transportation of it & I can see nowhere in the SDEIS where this has been addressed. This threatens not only the river corridor it travels along (and the endangered fish and wildlife it supports), but also the stretches of road it will travel beyond the site itself that will directly impact our communities with massive loads (& number of loads) and potential for spills historically known to be inevitable".

"I[hellip] can see nowhere in the SDEIS that Perpetua will be held responsible for the aftermath of the inevitable accident; and, at best we (the local communities) are obviously left to tolerate the day to day heavy traffic they will incur, tearing into the fabric of our small, recreation-based community. And the overstated benefits claimed for our community? A pittance compared to the obvious infrastructure costs of changes to public services (are

our local hospitals staffed and trained to handle the unique demands of toxin exposures of this kind?), impacts of massive equipment daily using our roads (who's paying for THAT?), the transient nature of the workers that typically are not invested in the quality of life of where they live, bringing increased drugs and alcohol with them to sooth the stressors of a life of mining. How are we to cope with all of that with the estimated $300,000 property taxes Perpetua would pay? It's ludicrous."

"So far I have commented mostly on the deleterious human impacts (a few of them). At least we have the ability to see what's coming and stand up for ourselves. The animals, fish, trees, and plant life have no such ability. The Forest Service's ultimate job at hand is to be their voice. And I will iterate the imminent & often permanent (per the SDEIS) danger to multiple listed species such as the Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, Bull Trout, Northern Idaho Ground Squirrel, Wolverine, Whitebark Pine. The SDEIS fails to to show that the proposed Project can meet the strict standards under the ESA to protect them."

According to the FEIS on pg. 1-32, "Changes from the SDEIS to the Final EIS", nothing

has adequately changed from the SDEIS to the FEIS regarding my comment and my comments

are still valid.

The remedy for this (these) violation(s) is for the Forest Service to withdraw the FEIS and

DROD and not issue any decision or take any action based on the inadequate FEIS. The Forest

Service must not take any action until a revised FEIS and revised DROD demonstrate full

compliance with each and every law, regulation, policy, Treaty, and requirement noted.. The

Regional Forester must withdraw the FEIS and DROD with instructions to the Payette National

Forest to correct all errors noted before approving or taking any actions.

In the spirit & honor of doing what's right as outlined by your (our, the American people) own rules and regulations, I do entreat you to do what's so obviously required regardless of outside pressures.

Connie McClaran