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Comments: My name is Joey Pietri.

McCall has been my home for 45 years. I Love this area and community with all my heart .

I stand with the Nez Perce and all who oppose the SGP.

I am curious to know why the comment period can not be extended to the full 120 days.

There is too much material for lay people to read let alone comment on . Especially for those making a living, running a Business, having a job or two and raising a family.

A Simple question to a complex situation begs me to ask, if the risk of such a dangerous undertaking as the SGP is worth the consequences ?

Is the volume of traffic created by the SGP worth approving such an enterprise in these times of environmental sensitivity with an already area high traffic volume and narrow canyons ?

3.2.3.6 Seismicity questions

What is the likelihood of an earthquake damaging pit liners ?

Can tremors create situations like the recent slide on US 95 south of Riggins . Possibly into traffic carrying toxic materials in the slide path to the waterways ?

Are those scenarios credible threats to the public and environment , Is there any plan in place for dealing with that in this version of the DEIS ?

The DEIS does not address the earthquake issue very well and it needs to be laid out better as to how it can be dealt with if that were to occur . Please have that into a supplementary Draft .

Fig.3.2-4 Illustrates six earthquakes since 1916 from as close as 1 year apart to as many as 37 years apart . Mt.Borah rocked an M6.9 quake, can Midas and the USFS feel comfortable in assuring the Public that the Ore Processing Facility and the TSF will hold up to an M6.9 or greater earthquake ?

In a worse case scenario, how would they fare ?

Is putting a Non-Essential Gold Mine in this Beautiful but fragile and sensitive part of our Country being coherently thought through ?

Alternative 5 seems to be the safest , most respectful and Best Management Practice .

Native Rights

The Tribes [ldquo]should[rdquo] have supreme authority on their ancestral lands, Their Domain is older than America .

Is there an account of how many Sacred sites are located within the Operation Area Boundary?

Indigeneous people shouldn't have Restricted access.

Does restriction violateTreaty and Constitutional rights?

The Nez Perce have put some 2.5 million dollars into Salmon recovery and the SGP is planning a mass genocide of Fish that will forever endanger their runs. Somewhat as the Euro-American Buffalo Hide Hunters were in that for profit . In 1820 the M[rsquo]etis people perfected industrialized slaughter.

The fish are now endangered along with Migratory bIrds, Wolverines and a culture is being diminished for the sake of foriegn and domestic investors for Gold and the ever almighty dollar.

Nez Perce will see little of an economic boost but plenty of the detriment to the East Fork of the South Fork .

Some 3,000 Nez Perce people hunt, fish and gather for much of their sustenance.

Tributaries in the South Fork region provide for them.

It is unfair to those people

These lands are used for ceremony and sacred as any church.

The indigeneous should be honored and respected just by leaving the land as is. (Alt.5)

Their grandchildren and ours deserve the right to experience all the waterways and wildlands that are left of this country . It has been exploited and extracted enough since First Contact. Industrialization and exploitation has been the legacy . Allow future generations the chance to be able to live and honor Indigeneous Ways of Being and Mother Earth .

Some things are priceless and the SGPis a good bet to come at a very high cost.

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Proper stewardship is centuries old. Learn from it, practice it.

Isn't it your moral and ethical responsibility ?

Kinder gentler practices should be allowed to thrive without the threat to clean economies and environment.

The Summitville in Colorado and Zortman Mines are two common examples of mining destruction that occurs with Mining companies that leave like thieves in the night,for a taxpayer clean up. They are just two examples of what we might expect of the Midas future.

The Mission of the Forest service is to sustain the health , diversity [hellip].and productivity of the Nations forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.[rdquo]

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In closing, Alternative 5 is the only moral and coherent option.

Thank you for the freedom to express my comments and taking the time to read them.