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Dear Reader,

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for Perpetua Resources Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), which proposes mine operations, including an open pit hard rock mine and associated processing facilities on federal, state, and private lands located in Valley County, Idaho. The SGP details were originally submitted to the Forest Service in a Plan of Restoration and Operations (Plan) in 2016. A revised Plan, known as ModPRO, was submitted to the Forest Service in 2019. A DEIS evaluating alternatives based on the revised Plan was published in August of 2020. Subsequently, a further modified Plan, known as ModPRO2, reducing surface disturbance and anticipated environmental impacts, was submitted by the proponent in October of 2021. The Forest Service determined that an SDEIS was warranted to present the analysis of the 2021 modified Plan.

The Forest Service, specifically the Payette National Forest, is the lead agency in the preparation of this SDEIS (40 CFR 1501.5). The Boise National Forest is participating, as well as cooperating agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR), Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR), and Valley County, Idaho.

The Proposed Action, known as the 2021 Modified Mine Plan (MMP), is based on Perpetua's 2021 revised Plan. The Johnson Creek Route Alternative was developed to evaluate potential reductions in impacts to various resources. The mining portion of this alternative would be the same as the 2021 MMP. Therefore, the primary focus of the Johnson Creek Route Alternative would be using an existing road, with proposed improvements, for mine access through operations and reclamation instead of the proposed new Burntlog Route under the 2021 MMP.

The comment period ends 75 days following the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of this SDEIS in the Federal Register on October 28, 2022. The publication date of the NOA is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Public comments concerning the adequacy and accuracy of this SDEIS will be accepted until January 10, 2023, and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Project website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50516>

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Public meetings have been scheduled as noted below. Legal notices published in local newspapers will provide the locations of the meetings. Comments will not be accepted at the open houses and must be submitted as described above.

December 6 (Tuesday)	McCall, Idaho	5-8 pm
December 7 (Wednesday)	Cascade, Idaho	5-8 pm
December 9 (Friday)	Boise, Idaho	2-5 pm
December 9 (Friday)	Boise, Idaho	5-8 pm

All comments received during the public comment period will be fully considered and evaluated for preparation of the Final EIS. Questions can be directed to Brian Harris, Public Affairs Officer, Payette National Forest, 500 N. Mission Street, Building 2, McCall, Idaho 83638; phone (208) 634-0784; email: [brian.d.harris@usda.gov](mailto:brian.d.harris@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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