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Comments: I'm writing to request that you stop Perpetua Resources Stibnite Mine project and ask that the Forest Service keep in mind their mission to Care for the Land and Serving People by requiring sufficiently detailed information to make an informed decision and encouraging public participation in the development of that information.

Perpetua's plans call for broad mitigation measures to "restore the site," however, the notion that additional mining is required in order to do so is simply bad policy and science. Even with the proposed measures, there will be permanent damage to critical fisheries and water quality.

The reality is that almost all mines of this size end up polluting water supplies with cyanide, diesel fuel, or other contaminants. The project impacts resources of high public interest including ESA-listed fish and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness - rivers that are eligible for Wild & amp; Scenic River designation. The headwaters of the East Fork South Fork and the South Fork of the Salmon River, and their importance to salmon recovery, are far too valuable to be placed in jeopardy at the expense of a profit driven gold mine.