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Comments: I am opposed to letting the mining company off the hook as far as clean-up is concerned.

I am also opposed to their continued use of a vast area that needs to be protected.

In my state of New Mexico, companies which have damaged land and resources for their own benefit and then have added to that insult by not cleaning up their destruction have now made me wary of any work such as this proposed strip mine, especially one of this bloated size, and in the proposed area.

I support the denial by the Forest Service of the Perpetua Resources (formally Midas Gold) proposed strip mine which would impact very negatively the still somewhat wild area of the River of No Return Wilderness, and I agree with others that popular and careful recreation as well as the critical protection for endangered wildlife provided by the area of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, is very important.

When one hears about protecting 2.4 million acres it can sound so big that one might be tempted to set aside preservation of such a large area, but that would be a foolish response. The struggles to clean up what already has been damaged by past mining mistakes seems to make it obvious to me that the Forest Service needs to deny Perpetua Resources' request for its proposed re-opening and expansion of their cyanide vat leach gold mine (the Stribnite Gold Project.)

The Forest Service will have to muster its true strength of purpose in order to deny the wishes of Perpetua Resources; good luck!