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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As a private pilot and as a hiker, I am a frequent visitor to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. This is one of the last truly wild places in the lower 48 states. A new mine does NOT belong here.

I ask the USFS to DENY the permit for this mine, now and forever.

But that's not all. Perpetua must be held to account. They must clean up this toxic mine site. Not only is this mine and this toxic waste an insult to Frank Church and all those who worked hard to get the Central Idaho Wilderness Act passed in 1980, it's an insult to the Nez Perce and other Indigenous people who have called this area home for thousands of years.

America is littered with toxic mine sites. Rarely are companies held to account. Do not add "the Frank" to the list of places destroyed by mining. The area's beauty and natural resources, both for people and animals, are far more important than gold.