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Comments: Please stop Perpetua Resources' plans for a massive strip mine on the Payette National Forest. The mine would be located at the doorstep of the famed Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and in the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. The 2.4 million-acre River of No Return Wilderness is one of the wildest areas in the lower 48 states, and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River is popular for recreation and critical for endangered native wildlife.

Perpetua Resources plans to re-open and expand former mine pits in these areas for its proposed cyanide vat leach gold mine called Stibnite Gold Project. Please consider that the mine puts not only the Wilderness at risk, but also this important river and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

We owe it to posterity -- our future citizens -- to protect these areas. Please do the right thing and deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project, and also require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. Science tells us that our planet needs more pristine forest areas to keep our world cool, help prevent climate change, and protect endangered species. What our planet doesn't need is more toxic mines.