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Comments: Dear Sirs, I am 75 years old and have seen the good, and more frequently in my opinion, the bad results of management of our natural resources. I believe the fiduciary function of the National Forest Service is to preserve our natural lands-and streams(!)-for the public, not for profit corporations. The antiquated Mining Act of 1872 was an excuse for extractive industries to rob the public of the natural resources of our country with minimal costs.

The practice of cyanide extraction of gold etc. is especially destructive of the environment. Witness the number of poisoned streams that no longer support life left by the decades of mineral extraction across our western states. Mining companies do not follow up with the necessary measures either to mitigate the degradation of the actual mining but also do not restore the environment to its' original state.

Mining destroys the precious habitat of the native fauna-and especially fish. We are facing an extinction of native salmon due to the Lower Snake dams and climate change. The imposition of the effects of mining are just another death kneel to fish.

I urge you to deny the request of Perpetual Resources for development of the Stibnite mine on the South Fork of the Salmon. Do we really need more gold chains?

Respectfully yours,

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