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Comments: Dear Responsible Project Official (USFS),

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

We the people oppose this proposed "project".

To be a responsible agency for Our (The Public) lands, forests, water, fish and wildlife it is your responsibility to PROTECT all of them not sell them off to companies who will harm and pollute and then leave the mess they create for someone to clean up. We all know the USFS does not have any funding for such clean up, and so the ones who care about the dire effects of such environmental disasters take it upon themselves to try the best they can to do the clean ups. It's worth noting that the Nez Perce Tribe has been actively working to clean up the South Fork of the Salmon and has challenged this mining proposal. The last thing the area needs is more toxic mining pollution and all other harmful impacts.. Millions of dollars have already been spent by the Nez Perce Tribe and the federal government in trying to clean up the legacy of past mining impacts.

The mine puts not only the Wilderness at risk, but also the very important rivers, creeks, underground aquifers and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. There are projects all over the country that are trying to benefit these endangered species and Perpetua Resources wants to destroy more of these critical species habitat for their own profit.

As you know the 2.4 million-acre River of No Return Wilderness is one of the wildest areas in the lower 48, and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River is popular for recreation and critical for endangered native wildlife. We do not want a mining company to be granted access to it.

The Forest Service needs to deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

Sincerely,

A Very Concerned Citizen

Michelle Carfagno