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Comments: I have received information from the organization "Wilderness Watch" about a proposed gold mine in the River of No Return Wilderness area. Based on the information I have received I am writing to express my opposition to the project.

By threatening the wilderness area the project puts already endangered species such as salmon, steelhead and bull trout at further risk.

Road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including noise audible from a nearly 2-mile radius, wildlife disturbance and displacement, increased access to and activity in what are now quiet and lightly-visited places in the Wilderness, and sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness.

The wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts.

The new proposed road would sit 100 feet from the wilderness boundary or could even enter the Wilderness, as the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing pack trail that dips into the Wilderness.

Toxic mining and associated impacts already pose threats to health in many areas across the country and should not be initiated in existing pristine areas.

The permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project should be denied and the company should be required to clean and up the mine site.

Thank you.