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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I urge you desperately not to allow Perpetua's mines to be re-opened and expanded. The reintroduction and expansion of mining operations would imperil a critical wilderness area in our country, and would lead to contamination of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, jeopardizing fish species and harming local populations. It would also utilize one-fifth of the water in the East Fork of the South Fork at a time when we must be conserving our water use as the West continues to experience lower water levels as a result of climate change.

The current wilderness evaluation for the project underestimates the impacts it will have. This quiet, natural haven will be transformed to a noisy, polluted, heavily trafficked nightmare if this project moves forward, and the environment will be contaminated beyond repair. Don't reintroduce toxic mining. Preserve our lands.

Thank you,

Sean Hickey