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Comments: We need to be protecting open, green space, and we have so little protected in the lower 48. To have Wilderness is especially valuable, for its own sake and for ours (recreation, sustainable ecosystem). The Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness is valuable to me, and to think it would be subjected to an adjacent mining operation is appalling. The sound disturbances, the excessive water withdrawals and contamination, the forest fragmentation is gut wrenching. National Forests are for the public, not for commercial extraction. And such operations inevitably leave cleanup and restoration costs to be borne by the public in the form of taxes. The proposed reopening and expansion of mine pits is not in our national security or sustainability interests and should be rejected.