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The Forest Service needs to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the existing mine site.

The Stibnite Gold Project puts not only the famed Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness at risk, but also the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. In Superior Az they have acid leached heavy metals from old tailings but every thing in the area has suffered from the toxic acid cloud that envelops the city and surrounding area.. I would anticipate similar results here including acid rains falling on forest and river basins down wind from these leaching sites. And of course the long term impacts of further mining operations in the area as presently necessitated by the current cleanup. Repeating old sins seems to be a recurring pattern for these operations.

The further expansion of roads into the area will have a negative impact on the environment of the area. Further noise, particulate air pollution, erosion and recreational vehicle access with further damage the wilderness experience and natural beauty of the area. Road construction and any further mining operations will cause perhaps more serious negative impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness and wildlife habitat on these lands.

A catastrophic forest fire and subsequent flooding rains could breach any retention ponds or dams resulting in decades of damage to the Salmon river systems for hundreds of miles downriver. Acid washed from the soil into the rivers and streams will likely kill all aquatic life.

What about the reallocation of river waters during a western drought for a mining operation that has no real national need or shortage. "According to Gold Industry Information about 10% of the total gold supply was used for technology, such as industrial, electronic and dental use in 2014. Approximately 12% of the gold supply was purchased by central banks (presumably ending up in a vault underground)." Therefore only 22% of the gold mined is used by industry and banking. The rest sits in coffee cans and metal boxes and serves no other needed purpose other than as a psychological pacifier for the end-times investor.

Quiet and solitude is fundamental principal of the Wilderness experience , not tractors, trucks, acid rains, and dust fouling or streams and rivers with toxic sediments polluting the air and waters and killing fish and birds and forest within the Wilderness and surrounding region for hundreds of miles.

Is it really necessary to destroy the world for a gold coin to sit in your dresser drawer.