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Comments: ANYONE Claiming to "SERVICE" Forests...Must View a MASSIVE- strip mine - ON the doorstep of

Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in the headwaters of the Salmon River - As INSANE!!!

The 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 Critical for Endangered Native Wildlife!!!

Millions of dollars have been spent by the Nez Perce Tribe and the federal government in attempting to clean up the legacy of past mining impacts!!!

Now PRIVATE...SPECIAL INTERESTS... want to re-open and expand former mine pits for "cyanide vat leach" mining?!?!?!

This SCHEME puts the ENTIRE Wilderness at risk!!! INCLUDING this ICONIC river and all its Endangered Species - Salmon - Steelhead - Bull Trout!!!

This DISASTROUS DESTRUCTION !!! Would DOUBLE the old mine's existing footprint!!!

Use one fifth!!! Of the water in parts of the East Fork of the South Fork!!!

Create 1,800 acres of mine pits!!! SCAR out 15 miles of new roads!!!

A 400 foot-high tailings dam - for 100 million tons of materials!!!

Cause more than 3,000 annual Hazardous vehicle trips & Dry Year-Round traffic for 25-years!!!

There is NO!!! "preferred alternative" - EXCEPT OUTRIGHT DENIAL!!!!!

And ANY "evaluation" that DOWNPLAYS the impacts is simply FRAUD & amp; DERELICTION OF DUTY!!!!!

A legitimate "Forest Service" agency...MUST!!! DENY!!! A permit...

And - Require "Perpetua" to FINISH Cleaning up ITS EXISTING - ENVIRONMENTAL DEVASTATION!!!!!

The LAST!!! ACTION This area needs is more TOXIC MINING!!!