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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

If I'm perfectly honest, there is nothing worth permanently damaging Idaho wilderness. Already, our wildlife is struggling with other factors like climate change and effects from previous (And similar) mining projects.

In a couple of words: Atlanta Gold.

Even now, the residual effects of that project are still detrimental to the land and water around it. The company has even been court-ordered multiple times to resolve the aftermath, but after several years, they still haven't cleaned up their mess.

Part of Perpetua's current proposal includes planting trees to improve the condition of the affected area. As we're all aware, trees take a long time to grow. By the time they develop to a point that will benefit the surrounding ecosystems, the ground will have been poisoned with dangerous materials, and the waters the same. The air will also also be polluted with chemicals that are incredibly damaging to any living being's (Native birds, deer, frogs, people, etc) health if ingested, not to mention the effects of chemicals in the water on other species that live off the water from this river and the watershed relating to it. Along with all that, the population of fish like the bull trout will have been drastically reduced without the proper conditions and areas they need to spawn.

I cannot support the Stibnite Gold Project. If it's going to be implemented, there's a lot that has to change. That's why I'm asking that you don't support this project either.

Sincerely,

Mark Smart