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Comments: I am concerned the proposed mine from Perpetua Resources will negatively impact the South Fork of the Salmon River watershed. As a critical habitat for steelhead, salmon, bull trout, and cutthroat trout, the South Fork of the Salmon is already barely able to sustain these endangered fish species. I am concerned that the proposed mine would further degrade the critical habitat of these endangered fish. The SDEIS claims irreversible losses to all of these species. Impacts on fish come from many different sources, including direct loss of habitat, increased stream temperatures, and hazardous spill risk. (SDEIS p. 4-386). Other concerns with this project include increased stream temperatures and hazardous spills. Perpetua says this is a watershed restoration project, so why does the SDEIS show that stream temperatures will reach lethal levels for salmon and trout? SDEIS pg. 2-146, 4-280. What can be done to make it better? It is far better for Perpetua and the Forest Service to go back to the drawing board now and revise the mine plan to take a closer look at soils from the beginning rather than proceed with a flawed project that will ultimately not be able to live up to the stated promises of returning public lands, waters, and fish to productivity. Please don't approve this mining project on public lands. Please choose the "No Action Alternative". We don't need Perpetua Resources and their Perpetual Pollution.