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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am writing to object to the proposed Stibnite Gold Project, which would threaten the irreplaceable Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness as well as the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Mining at the edge of wilderness is incompatible with a wilderness experience. Contrary to the findings in the wilderness evaluation, road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including noise audible from a nearly 2-mile radius, wildlife disturbance and displacement, increased access to and activity in what are now quiet and lightly-visited places in the Wilderness, and sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.

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