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

Such a project is incompatible with both the intent and letter of the laws governing your legally mandated responsibilities regarding wilderness areas and endangered species.

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--two major violations of relevant statutes/

Under the preferred alternative, 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 wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts.

The new proposed road would sit 100 feet from the wilderness boundary or could even enter the Wilderness, as the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing pack trail that dips into the Wilderness (and roads are incompatible with wilderness and thus illegal).

The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts. It needs clean up and opportunity to recover from past damages, which remain past due, and thus this project cannot occur without violating the laws you are required to uphold.