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Comments: I write to strongly urge the US Forest Service to 1) deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and 2) require that Perpetua finish cleaning up the mine site. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining with its associated impacts!

The Stibnite Gold Project is a threat to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, and it also puts at risk the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and endangered species which include salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Under the preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations would seriously impact the River of No Return Wilderness. Streams within the Wilderness would suffer from increased sediment pollution. The noise pollution would extend for a nearly 2-mile radius. Wildlife would be disturbed and displaced. Quiet and lightly-visited places in the Wilderness would suffer from increased access and activity, and the new proposed road would be too close to the Wilderness and possibly even impinge upon it.

These impacts are seriously and erroneously downplayed in the wilderness evaluation and must be taken into account in the decision making of the USFS.

Sincerely,
Judy Fletcher