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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am writing to oppose the Stibnite Gold Project.

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. 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 potentially enter the Wilderness. This beautiful area does not need more toxic mining and associated impacts. I respectfully request that the Forest Service deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

Sincerely, Tim Nelson