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Comments: I am requesting that the Forest Service deny the proposal by Perpetua Resources for a massive strip mine on the Payette National Forest at the edge of the famed Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and in the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho.

This mine would not only put the Wilderness at risk, but also this important river and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

Road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the Wilderness, including

- \* noise audible from a wide 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.

It is important to protect wilderness areas from development by commercial interests. The Forest Service needs to deny the permit for the Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.