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Comments: I most vociferously oppose any permit for the Stibnite mining operating in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. This area is one of THE most important to Idaho and surrounding areas due to its immense natural beauty that is unfettered by the noise, destruction and contamination/pollution of the land and water around and downstream of its operation. Outdoor recreation is the third largest industry in the state generating over \$7.8 Billion annually and employing over 78,000 people, and a LOT of it centers on this very area! Outdoor recreation could be severely damaged or destroyed due to mine tailings and other contamination from a gold mining operation.

I urge you to strongly consider these points and then deny all permits for mining operations in and around this sensitive area, especially since any pollution that is allowed into the Salmon River and ends up in the Wild and Scenic portions of the river will be in direct violation of existing environmental protection laws for designated waterways. Any agency that allowed that to happen will share liability for the damage.

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 enter the Wilderness, as the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing pack trail that dips into 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.