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Comments: We are writing to say that the Forest Service should deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

The Stibnite Gold Project puts the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout all at risk

We are disturbed that the wilderness evaluation way downplays the impacts and risks to the preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations. These constructions and 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. Furthermore, 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. This area should be kept free from 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.

Thank you for your attention to our comments.