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Comments: Dear Sirs and/or Madams:

I write to strongly state that the Forest Service must deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and instead require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

The permit must be denied because 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. These results are antithetical to the definition of and expectation for wilderness.

Furthermore, 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 although these impacts are seriously ignored or glossed over in the wilderness evaluation.

To add insult to injury, 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.

Do the right thing and deny the permit. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.