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Comments: I join all those asking you to deny the request from Perpetua Resources (formerly Midas Gold) for a massive strip mine in the Payette National Forest.

The Stibnite Gold Project puts not only the famed Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness at great risk of degradation, 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 proposed plan, road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including noise audible in 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 harms are clear and serious.

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 NOT ONLY deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project BUT ALSO require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.