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The Stibnite Gold Project is misguided; it 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 at risk. Those risks extend well beyond the immediately impacted area.

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 two-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. This is preposterous.

The new proposed road would sit about one hundred feet from the wilderness boundary, or it could even enter the Wilderness, as the most logical location for the road appears to be an existing pack trail that dips into the Wilderness. Of course, there would be no respect for the Wilderness boundary.

This area does not need more toxic mining, with its associated impacts. Our environment is in jeopardy now. We must do everything possible to protect and safe guard the wild places that we all need for survival in this time of accelerating climate change, extinction of species, and threats to humanity's survival as well.

The Forest Service must deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. Clearly Perpetua is not a responsible entity, and has already made a mess that it has not taken care of.