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Comments: The Stibnite Gold Project should be denied permission to proceed. It is too close to the Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness. The road construction and mining operations will cause loud noise, disrupt and displace wildlife, increase access to what should be wilderness areas, and pollute streams. The Wilderness area streams currently house at least three endangered fish: salmon, bull trout, and steelhead, which could suffer from this project.

This project is twice the size of the previous mine on the site. It would mean 1800 acres of mine pits, a 400' high tailings dam for 100 million tons of material, 15 miles of new roads, over 3000 hazardous vehicle trips a year for 25 years, and more. It is wrong for this peaceful forested area.

A new road would be built right along a boundary of the federal Wilderness, though the existing pack trail that it follows goes into the Wilderness and it's hard to say that the road won't follow it.

The Nez Perce Tribe has been working to clean up the South Fork of the Salmon River, and they have challenged this mining proposal. They do not want more toxic waste discharge into the river they cherish.

The Forest Service should deny this mining permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.