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Comments: I am totally against this project, especially in the name of gold and all that portends in terms of environmental impact. Honestly, could this company choose a more pristine site? After reading information on this project I must include it to affirm my reasoning on saying absolutely not to this project!

This is the Frank Church Wilderness and this type of mining is quite possibly the most damaging to the environment that it gets. Do these corporations believe we have all been asleep or have no recollection of history? I believe the Nez Perce Tribe will once again be left with this mess. Below are the reasons I recently read and copied that I will now include in my comment.

"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.

"The Stibnite Gold Project doubles the old mine's existing footprint, would use up to a fifth of the water in part of the East Fork of the South Fork, and includes about 1,800 acres of mine pits, 15 miles of new roads (plus dozens of miles of currently remote USFS roads), a 400 foot-high tailings dam for 100 million tons of materials, more than 3,000 annual hazardous vehicle trips, year-round traffic for the mine's 25-year time period, and other infrastructure within the nearly 30,000-acre project area." Can one just imagine asking to go into pristine wilderness and build an environmental disaster for their own profit at the expense of everything around them including waters necessary for life? It boggles the mind.

"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. The wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays impacts."

"If all this weren't bad enough, a new road would be constructed along a ridge that forms the boundary of the Wilderness. And, while the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) alleges the road would be 100 feet from the wilderness boundary, the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing pack trail that dips into the Wilderness."

"The Forest Service needs to deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. It's worth noting that the Nez Perce Tribe has been actively working to clean up the South Fork of the Salmon and has challenged this mining proposal. The last thing the area needs is more toxic mining pollution and all other harmful impacts."

A resounding NO NO NO!! Who on earth thinks this is ok? 30,000 acres of pristine wilderness on someone else's (ours and Native peoples) land, stealing someone else's water, destroying someone else's entire environment for their own profit against everything this area stands for!!! Imagine all the endangered species living there. WHERE DO THEY GO OR IS IT OK FOR THIS CORPORATION TO DEEM THEM ELIGIBLE FOR EXTINCTION? Just whose job is it to protect them? It's unbelievable they have the nerve to ask after leaving others to clean up the last complete disaster they left. This is unacceptable and if approved will go to a higher authority. This entire project is the physical definition of greed and the resulting destruction complete with the apathy necessary to carry it out. If approved, the decision would prove to anyone with knowledge of it, exactly why we have such little faith in those politically appointed to make these decisions. This again is totally unacceptable!