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As I understand it, the Stibnite Gold Project puts not only the 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.

Though the wilderness evaluation seems to erroneously downplay these impacts, under the "preferred" alternative, road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including noise, wildlife disturbances and displacement, increased access to what are now quiet and lightly-visited places in the Wilderness, and excess sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness.

The new proposed road would lie too close to wilderness boundary and could even enter the Wilderness, along the existing pack trail route into the Wilderness. A better road could be found, if needed at all?

The Forest Service should deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining. Preserve wilderness areas for animals, humans and future generations of both.