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Comments: Dear USFS:

I offer the following comments regarding the proposed strip mine project (aka: "Stibnite Gold Project") in the vicinity of the River of No Return Wilderness on the Payette National Forest in Idaho:

1. I respectfully request that you deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.
2. The Stibnite Gold Project threatens to do harm to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, and to endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.
3. 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 these impacts.
4. 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.
5. This area is particularly important to wildlife and fisheries and should not be subjected to more toxic mining and associated impacts.

Again, I respectfully request that the USFS deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

Thank you.