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Comments: I am opposed to strip mining and the Stibnite Gold Project.

Please deny the mine permit. Instead, require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. The Nez Perce Tribe has been actively working to clean up the South Fork of the Salmon and has challenged this mining proposal as well. They don't need more toxic mining pollution and all other harmful impacts that go along with it.

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. Very importantly, endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout will also be severely impacted by this project.

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.

Again, this would be devastating to the Wilderness area itself and its wild inhabitants, but the wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts. 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.

The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts!! The wild inhabitants of this area deserve to be left alone and live in peace.

The Forest Service needs to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.