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Comments: The Perpetua needs to finish cleaning up the toxic waste and damage from the 1st Stibnite mine. These are precious resources of water, wildlife, wilderness, birds, and endangered species, including salmon, bullhead trout, and Steelhead. Our Wilderness Areas are sacred spaces, essential to protect and not to strip for short-sighted greed for gold, regardless of the noise and toxicity. This 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.

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. These are downplayed in the wilderness evaluation - what a surprise! Written by whom?

The Forest Service needs to deny this permit, for a cleaner, healthier planet, and it is our responsibility to protect these special places.