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Comments: The Stibnite Gold Project is incompatible with this location within the Payette National Forest and on the doorstep of the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The mining operations and road construction would cause irreparable harm to this Wilderness and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Some of these harms include:

*potential toxic contamination of the land and watershed

*audible noise from a 2-mile radius

*unacceptable levels of access to and activity in and near Wilderness including upwards of 3,000 hazardous vehicle trips per year

*sediment pollution in Wilderness streams

*massive water consumption (source: East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River)

*road construction immediately adjacent to and possibly within the Wilderness boundary

*all of which would cause wildlife disturbance and displacement and threaten the existence of endangered species (e.g., salmon, steelhead, and bull trout).

It is inconceivable that the Forest Service would approve a project with this level of impact to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Even without the proximity of the Wilderness, 1,800 acres of cyanide vat leach mine pits, a 400 foot tall tailings dam, and 100 million tons of waste material do not belong in a National Forest!

Reject the Stibnite Gold Project and instead hold Perpetua accountable for the mess they have already made.