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Comments: Greetings,

Please accept these comments relative to the Stibnite Gold Project. Overall, it's a bad idea because 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 and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Why would we take this risk for the sake of a greasy buck? That's dumb.

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.

Additionally, 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.

This area needs cleanup, not more toxic mining and associated impacts.

To that end, I urge the Forest Service to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. The people of this country are better served by this approach than the current plan. "Caring for the land and serving people" is your motto. Denying this permit would do both.

Sincerely,

Tracy Davids