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Comments: I am a long time visitor of the Frank Church-River of No Return wilderness and have taken many backpacking and rafting trips there over the years. I have grave concerns about the Stibnite Gold Project and believe the potential impacts of this project on the wilderness and water quality have not been adequately assessed. The preferred alternative includes road construction and mining operations that would cause serious impacts, including noise pollution, sediment pollution in streams, and wildlife disturbance and displacement including impacts to endangered species like salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. It would also increase access to and activity in what are now quiet and lightly-visited places in the Wilderness. The forest service's evaluation seriously downplays these potential impacts on wilderness values. The proposed road is too close to the wilderness boundaries and even has the potential to cross the boundary given the most logical route for road-building would be to follow an existing pack trail within the wilderness. The last thing this area needs is an increase in industrial activity and associated pollution and other impacts. 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.