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Comments: I am writing in **STRONG OPPOSITION** to Perpetua Resources' (formerly Midas Gold's) mine permit for the Stibnite Gold Project. Instead, Perpetua Resources should be required to finish cleaning up the mine site. The last thing the area needs is more toxic mining pollution.

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 and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

Under the preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including sediment pollution (and likely other mining pollution) in streams within the Wilderness. Additionally, there would be loud noise across a nearly 2-mile radius, as well as wildlife disturbance and displacement. The wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts.

The mine permit must be **DENIED**.