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Comments: *The Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness has already been subjected to mining impacts which are unjustifiable, in terms of both ecosystem health and environmental justice. The wilderness evaluation has not represented the impacts accurately and honestly. The Stibnite Gold Project would not only put this area at further risk, but would also negatively affect the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. It makes no sense to allow this project to proceed, after the Nez Perce tribe and the federal government have invested in cleaning up the legacy of past mining impacts. The Forest Service must deny Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project and require this company to finish cleaning up the mine site. It is in the acknowledged interest of the public to protect this unique wilderness area, a valuable resource which belongs to all the people, not to be exploited by the few for profit.