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Comments: I am writing about the Stibnite Gold Project because this issue is very important to me. I have lived in Challis and have rafted the Middle Fork of the Salmon River as well as hiked trails in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. I strongly believe this 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.

In looking at the preferred alternative, it appears 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. These impacts are dismissed in the wilderness evaluation.

How does the wilderness evaluation downplay a new proposed road that would sit 100 feet from the wilderness boundary or could even enter the Wilderness since the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing pack trail that dips into the Wilderness?

Idaho has a long history of mining operations that have left pollution and destruction in their wake. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.

If the Forest Service is really doing its job, it needs to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.