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Comments: Dear USDA:

I object to the permitting and establishment of the Stibnite Gold Project. Not only does it put the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness at risk, but also it negatively impacts the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, and endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

Plus, the proposed preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations would disturb and displace wildlife, increased access to and activity in what are now quiet and lightly-visited places in the Wilderness, and cause sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness; its noise would be audible from a nearly 2-mile radius,

Their wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts.

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.

Finally, the last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated 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.

Thank you,

**Brooks Browne**