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Comments: As you know, the proposed Stibnite Gold Project doubles the old mine's existing footprint and 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 vastly add to sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness. The environmental impact would be disastrous to this critical habitat.

The Forest Service needs to deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. Perhaps Perpetua could partner with the Nez Perce who are already succeeding in their cleanup efforts.

Perpetua has a choice on how they are PERPETUALLY remembered. Will they and the Forest Service be forever remembered as contributing to loss and toxicity...or will they be remembered as providers of life-giving assurance to the survival of our rapidly diminishing resources. Please Forest Service and Perpetua switch into high gear and do not continue with this Stibnite Gold Project. Become true champions for wildlife and habitat. Become public and environmental heroes. Now that is what I would call good press and worth considering!