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Comments: Dear Forest Service:

Re: Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516

The following are concerns that require a full consideration;

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 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.

The current wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts.

In addition 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. This area does not need more toxic mining and associated impacts.

Based on these concerns it would be most beneficial for the Forest Service to deny any permits for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site entirely.

Thank you for your consideration. The value of the wilderness far outweighs human greed.

Best,

Juanita Rinas