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Comments: Even considering allowing Perpetua Resources to strip mine on Payette National Forest with its proximity to the Frank Church/River of No Return Wilderness Area would be a huge betrayal of our trust and confidence in the integrity of the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service simply must deny the permit for the Stibnite Gold Project and and definitely require Perpetua Resources to complete the clean up of the site. In addition to placing the Wilderness at peril, this project would also imperil East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and the three endangered salmonid species inhabiting that waterway. Also, under the preferred alternative, the necessary road construction and mining operations would definitely have serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness. For whatever reason, the wilderness evaluation document erroneously trivializes these concerns and impacts.

As an agency whose mission must value the continued conservation of these cherished natural resources, the Forest Service has to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to complete the clean up of the mine site.