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Comments: 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. They are under threat in many public spaces and if we don't do something, will become extinct, like so many animals that are threatened with since there is a severe world climate crisis.

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 wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts. The Forest Service must protect the forests! That is supposed to be its mission. Not catering to corporate interests. You owe the public your positions and must take on your responsibility to protect these wild places on the public's behalf. Don't be bought off by special interests. This is not what the majority of your taxpayers want.

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.

The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.

The Forest Service MUST deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. Do the right thing for the wildness as you are its only protector and voice!!!!!