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Comments: As a former resident of Custer County Id I have to urge you to reject this mine application. 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 downplays these impacts to a substantial degree and can't be trusted.

The new road would come either too close, or actually enter the wilderness area. This is a precious area and we must preserve it