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The beauty of my home state's wilderness areas was always a source of pride for this Idaho native! And it remains one of the main reasons I make travel to my home state a yearly event as well as a continuing recommendation to other nature lovers. Hence, I urge the Forest Service to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and request Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

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. Idaho has always been such an important preserve for natural wilderness! It's one of our most precious assets and should be preserved and passed on to future generations.

Road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including audible noise from a nearly 2-mile radius, wildlife disturbance and displacement, increased access to and activity in what are now quiet and infrequently visited places in the Wilderness, and sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness.

We must not let short-term greed destroy an ancient and long-term precious asset. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.

Please consider the long-term impacts and our future generations and deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.