Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/7/2023 2:25:56 AM First name: Jane Last name: Perkins Organization:

Title:

Comments: I OPPOSE THE STIBNITE GOLD PROJECT!

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.

This is NOT acceptable in a time where such endangered species are even more threatened, and NEED OUR HELP - NOT FURTHER DESTRUCTION AND ENDANGERMENT FROM HUMANS!

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.

THIS IS A DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREA - THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A GOLD MINE PROJECT! 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.

AGAIN - THIS IS A WILDERNESS - KEEP IT AS SUCH IN ALL RESPECTS! RESPECT THE WILDERNESS AND RESPECT THE WILDLIFE, FLORA, AND FAUNA THAT LIVE IN IT!

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

The Forest Service needs to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. SO MANY OF THESE MINE SITE OPERATORS FAIL TO EVER CLEAN UP THEIR DESTRUCTIVE MESS AND MINE TAILINGS - FORCE PERPETUA TO CLEAN UP THE MINE SITE IMMEDIATELY!