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Comments: The last thing this area needs is more mining. 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. Mining does not belong anywhere near these rivers where struggling species will be subjected to more negative impacts.

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. These special places need to be protected from the destructive mining projects. We cannot afford to sacrifice these places that can never be replaced. There has to be an end to destroying places such as this area.

The wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these 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.