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Comments: I am writing to urge the Forest Service to DENY the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to complete the clean-up of the mine site. The Stibnite Gold Project puts the prized Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness at risk as well as the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and the many endangered species like salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

With the preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations would cause serious NEGATIVE 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 seems to ignore the extent of these impacts.

The new proposed road would be 100 feet from the wilderness boundary or maybe even enter the Wilderness, as the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing pack trail that dips into the Wilderness.

This area must be protected and NOT subjected to increased risks of pollution and destruction that inevitably come with mining and its long-lasting often permanent, TOXIC impacts. Thank you for considering my thoughts on this issue that is very important to me and so many others who treasure our wilderness areas and the wildlife who depend on them -- areas that are under increasing threat at this time when we need to protect our natural resources more than ever.