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Comments: The Stibnite Gold Project is a hardrock mining project -- which would do great harm to a greatly valued wilderness area --including its river systems.

The trout and salmon species of the Columbia River system are grievously endangered. The once great wild salmonid runs are now only a small fraction of once was. These remaining salmonids mainly utilize the Salmon River and its tributaries for spawning. We cannot afford to lose these wild salmonid stocks. They are irreplaceable.

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 pollution and wildlife displacement. Additionally -- chemical pollution and sedimentation would be unavoidable -- as supported by historical precedent. The wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts. These pollution effects could / would have devastating effects on the salmonid populations.

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.