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Comments: I am writing to insist that the Forest Service unilaterally turn down the request by Perpetua Resources for a massive strip mine, known as the Stibnite Gold Project, adjacent to, and intruding on, the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River.

I have rafted the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, and it is an untouchable treasure that cannot sustain the damage that Perpetua would inflict by reopening and expanding former mine pits. And there is no way that the construction of a new road along the boundary of the Wilderness, and possibly dipping into the Wilderness, can be supported or sustained.

Finally, it is high time that the Forest Service recognize the efforts of the Nez Perce Tribe to clean up the South Fork of the Salmon River and to stop this ill-considered mining proposal.