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Comments: The Stibnite Gold Project near the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness belies the definition of wilderness since it would certainly cause noise and wildlife disruption from roads, increased human traffic and the mining activities themselves. Furthermore it would use up much of the water at the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, endanger fish populations and pollute the water. When we need to fight climate change on all fronts, the preservation of fresh water, carbon-sequestering forests and wilderness are essential.

I have visited Idaho and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in Montana and I appreciate the beauty and openness of the rugged western states. I also have seen here in the East how unbridled fracking impacts the environment and whole communities. We need to preserve the wild areas we still have for the appreciation of future generations.