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Comments: I am opposed to Perpetua Resources proposal to reopen and expand former mine pits for a cyanide vat leach gold mine called Stibnite Gold Project next to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and it's associated impacts on the river and endangered species. Additional impacts include noise audible from a nearly 2-mile radius, wildlife disturbance and displacement, sediment pollution in streams within the wilderness, etc. The FS evaluation downplays these and other serious impacts.

Note that millions of dollars have already been spent by the Nez Percé tribe and the federal government to try to clean up the legacy of past mining impacts. It makes no sense to approve this permit.

The Forest Service must deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.