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Comments: As one of the largest wilderness areas in the lower 48 states, the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness is one of the gems of our national wilderness system. Perpetua Resources' proposed massive strip mine on the doorstep of the wilderness should be rejected to protect the area's wild character from the impacts of industrial mining.

Under the preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including disturbing and displacing wildlife, sediment pollution in streams within the wilderness, and noise pollution. The Stibnite Gold Project not only threatens the wilderness, but the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River as well. This would adversely affect its endangered salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

I urge you to deny the permit for Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to continue cleaning up the mine site.