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Comments: I received, and was asked to consider the information below in addressing this mining project. I believe they have done a pretty good job of stating why this project should not advance. I receive emails often about various projects like this and the one thing that stands out to me in every one is how hard people have to fight to try to save something that has existed for hundreds, if not thousands of years until humans come along and destroy it. We have entered into a 6th mass extinction event on this planet. This time it is caused by humans. The time is long past that we should stop destroying the very thing we depend on for life. Yes, I am speaking in a more global sense, but every time we move forward with a project like this we are just contributing to the destruction and it must stop. Once you destroy a place, you cannot put it back. I very much support what is said below and more when it comes to not doing these projects.

\*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 audible from a nearly 2-mile radius, wildlife disturbance and displacement, increased access to and activity in what are now quiet and lightly-visited places in the Wilderness, and sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness.

\*The wilderness evaluation erroneously downplays these impacts.

\*The new proposed road would sit 100 feet from the wilderness boundary or could even enter the Wilderness, as the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing pack trail that dips into the Wilderness.

\*The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.

\*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.

I ask that you seriously consider what is said here and absolutely NOT move forward with this permit. We have too much to lose. Thank you.