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Comments: Re the Stibnite Gold Project:

Places the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River at risk for endangered species including, but not limited to, salmon, steelhead trout and bull trout. Sediment resulting from these operations places them at the extinction risk. These populations have been decimated in various rivers of the West from similar operations and we need to protect existing populations fully.

I understand that under the preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness, including noise audible from an extensive radius disturbing wildlife. Increased access and activity in what are currently quiet and sparsely visited places in the Wilderness would be severely impacted. 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 Forest Service needs to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. No excuses. The last thing we need is another toxic hazardous waste site that will be created and most likely will never be cleaned up sufficiently at the ultimate expense of us taxpayers.