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Comments: Old mine sites are still being cleaned up, at great expense to both tribes and US government coffers. 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.

This is a wilderness area, and the proposed mine would put 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. Endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout would also be irrevocably damaged.

The definition of designated wilderness is areas that are left alone, without human encroachment. 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. This proposed project would indeed affect wilderness and probably even enter part of it.

There are fewer and fewer places that are still unspoiled in America. The last thing this area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.

Please protect the area, stand up for Americans, and deny the permit.