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Comments: The Stibnite Gold Project puts the famed Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness at risk. It also puts the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River at risk, as well as many endangered species (e.g., salmon, steelhead, bull trout).

Under the preferred alternative, road construction and mining operations would cause serious impacts to the River of No Return Wilderness. Negative impacts include noise throughout a nearly 2-mile radius; wildlife disturbance and displacement; increased access to, and activity in, what are now quiet and minimally visited places in the Wilderness. Additional negative impacts include sediment pollution in streams within the Wilderness.

The current 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.