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Comments: I wish to object to the Stibnite Gold Project.

The 15 mile burnt log mine will destroy the River of No Return Wilderness and further degrade the habitats of endangered wolverines, salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

Just like its first incarnation, this new proposal still has unacceptable environmental impacts. This is not the restoration project it is being made out to be. It can't be. For a start, it will poison the river with cyanide. Secondly, half of the 3,500 acre project will involve the destruction of pristine wilderness. These two facts alone will do untold damage if this mine goes ahead.

Wilderness should be just that. At just 100 feet from the wilderness boundary, this mine will produce road building noise, and general operational noise that will travel at least two miles. The road may even breach the wilderness itself in some places!

The back and forth of many contractors and, eventually, daily employees will further erode all memory of this current little-visited peaceful wilderness. Crystal clear rivers will be contaminated by sediment and pollution.

The impacts will be irreversible, are indefensible and completely unnecessary. You cannot greenwash a mine. They are toxic.

Please reject the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project on environmental grounds. Demand that they finish cleaning up the environmental damage at the existing site.

The wilderness and endangered species are reliant on the Forest Service to defend them. Please do so.