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Comments: First and foremost, I respectfully request the Forest Service deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.

The reasons for my request are numerous and straightforward, including but not limited to the following:

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.

* The currently preferred alternative - which is irretrievably flawed - includes both road construction and mining operations that 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 above projected deadly impacts are virtually guaranteed results given that 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.

Altogether, the Wilderness evaluation erroneously and dangerously downplays these impacts. More toxic mining is counter to anything that this valuable Wilderness treasure should be subject to.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.