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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I'm writing in strong opposition of the Stibnite Gold Project. Despite the misleading and persistent efforts of Perpetua Resources, the proposed mine and associated operations will irreparably harm wildlife, specifically the endangered Chinook Salmon, visibly damage an area high recreational and scenic interest, and trample our nation's treaty with the Nez Perce tribe.

The EIS for Stibnite mine is painfully clear: even with the greatest care and consideration, the long-term habitat and wildlife disturbance from nearly every aspect of the operation would be extraordinary. Given the unique and unparalleled nature of the Salmon River and The Frank Church, Perpetua's proposal is offensive to anyone who has been fortunate enough to visit these places. It is the Forest Service's responsibility to recognize such sites and weigh their value (ecologically, aesthetically, and recreationally) against the private gains of an extractive enterprise.

Having listened to and read what Perpetua plans to do, I am completely unmoved in my disapproval. The "fish tunnel" is ludicrous and untested; even with reclamation efforts groundwater contamination is almost guaranteed and there's no undoing the surface scars; the dark sky reserve will be regularly polluted from nighttime operations, and so on.

Please, me and my fellow citizens of Idaho, beg you to stop this project from going forward. At the very least, extend the comment period to 120 days, in order to allow full participation of the public and additional time for your agency to consider the consequences of this enormous and irreversible action on America's last truly wild river.

Thank you,  
Alec Barfield