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Comments: The massive strip mine Stibnite Gold Project puts not only the famed Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness (one of the wildest areas in the lower 48 states) at risk, but also the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River area which is critical for endangered fish species.

-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.

-The "wilderness evaluation" erroneously downplays these impacts.

-The new proposed road would sit 100 feet from the Wilderness boundary or could ever enter the Wilderness (as the most logical location for the road seems to be an existing park trail that dips into the Wilderness).

Please deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the existing mine site. The last thing this beautiful area needs is more toxic mining and associated impacts.