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Comments: I oppose Perpetua Resources proposed mine. The creation of 3 more open pit areas that would greatly enlarge the damage to the area that has already occurred. The use of cyanide to leach out minerals is also highly dangerous and problematic to the delicate ecosystem. Over 70% of the project disturbance would occur on public land. The Stibnite Gold Project puts the Salmon River at risk, one of our most cherished and economically important river systems. It threatens our recreation industry and some of our most iconic fish species.

The idea that more mining is needed in order to clean up the existing site is bad policy and science. The Forest Service deciding to produce the SDEIS in response to project design changes that fell outside of the typical NEPA process highlights concerns that the experience and expertise that Perpetua brings to this scale of project is unacceptable.