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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

History has already shown how damaging gold mining has been, for this location and everywhere else it's been conducted. And after the Nez Pierce have worked so hard trying to clean up a mess they didn't create - - for the benefit of everyone, especially the environment and creatures (like the salmon downstream), it seems insane to even consider allowing it to start up all over again. You, as stewards of the American forests (which, as you know, is not just about trees), are aware of how disastrous a choice that would be. So, please, follow your education, and your better judgement, and do not allow industry or politics to dissuade your from doing what you know is right. Let the marks you leave behind on this earth be aligned with healing, not destruction.