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Comments: Even considering opening this precious land for more mining and environmental destruction is heinous and a travesty. the exact opposite should be done - more continued clean-up and restoration of the pristine beauty and ecological treasure of this wilderness area. Once destroyed it is gone forever.

The greed and short-sightedness of mining here is a pure calumny on the part of the people behind it. We have a sacred responsibility to be good stewards of our world and this action is the direct opposite of that.

The Forest Service needs to deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. It's worth noting that the Nez Perce Tribe has been actively working to clean up the South Fork of the Salmon and has challenged this mining proposal. The last thing the area needs is more toxic mining pollution and all other harmful impacts.?