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Comments: I recommend that the Forest Service deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project. The location is too sensitive, as such a mine would have outsized negative consequences for nearby watersheds such as the Salmon River in Idaho, which many species of fish and wildlife depend on.

Instead of permitting this new project, the Forest Service should require Perpetua to finish cleaning up previous mine sites in the area. Millions of dollars have already been spent by the Nez Perce Tribe and the federal government in trying to clean up the legacy of past mining impacts, so approving a new project would start that negative cycle all over again.