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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. It would double the old mine's existing footprint, with serious impacts to water quality, water quantity and land use (massive surface destruction in the 50-square mile project area; 15 miles of new roads; a huge bound-to-fail tailings dam; and the wilderness-destructive impacts of thousands of heavy vehicle trips and year-round traffic). The proposed road along the border of the wilderness area is a travesty, absolutely compromising the wilderness values, wildlife habitat and recreation quality through an additional tens of thousands of acres.

The public and the Nez Perce tribe have spent millions of dollars trying to clean up past mining waste in the Salmon River drainage and restore fisheries. Allowing "Perpetua" to conduct a cyanide leach operation -- when every cyanide leach operation in the West has led to massive and perpetual water pollution -- would be an utter failure in the management of public natural resources. How can the Forest Service not learn from hundreds of similar disasters through the West, most on public lands?!!

The Forest Service needs to deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site. The last thing these PUBLIC LANDS needs is more toxic mining pollution and industrialized landscape.