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Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to DENY the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project and instead, require the company to finish cleaning up the mine site.

The LAST thing the area needs is more toxic mining pollution and all other harmful impacts.

Is nowhere safe from a massive strip mine? Even on the doorstep of the famed Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and in the headwaters of the Salmon River?? This is among the wildest areas in the lower 48, and critical for endangered salmon, steelhead, and bull trout.

The federal gov't and Nez Perce Tribe have spent millions of dollars cleaning up past mining impacts, now you're thinking of permitting them to do more harm? The Stibnite Gold Project doubles the old mine's footprint.

Is this what you will subject wilderness to? 1,800 acres of mine pits, 15 miles of new roads (plus dozens of miles of currently remote USFS roads), a 400 foot-high tailings dam for 100 million tons of materials, more than 3,000 annual hazardous vehicle trips, year-round traffic for the mine's 25-year time period. This is INSANE.

I urge you to deny the mine permit and require Perpetua to finish cleaning up the mine site.