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Comments: I am writing to beg you to deny the permit for Perpetua Resource's Stibnite Gold Project. Perpetua has not finished cleaning up the mine site and needs to be required to do so. You are the U.S. Forest Service -- please protect our resources. As the name of this mine implies, Perpetual damage -- Once destroyed, never replaced. The preferred alternative would cause serious damage to the River of No Return Wilderness through road construction and mining operations. This road is extremely close to the Wilderness boundary, and may even use an existing pack trail as an excuse to dip into the Wilderness itself. The River of No Return Wilderness is an important habitat for endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. The Nez Perce Tribe has been working to clean up the South Fork of the Salmon, and their caretaking of the environment should be recognized. This country does not need a toxic, polluting mine. We need to preserve the health of our country.