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Comments: A massive strip mine on the Payette National Forest near the River of No Return Wilderness is being planned to extract gold for its proposed cyanide vat leach gold mine called Stibnite Gold Project.

This is crazy. The Nez Perce Tribe and the federal government have spent millions trying to cleaning up past contamination from mining projects here.

This river is an extremely important river and is a threat to endangered species such as salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. This doesn't even consider the threats to the water shed and the use of our precious water resources which would be used, maybe more than a 5th of the present water supply. How about all the roads that would need to be constructed causing even more degradation to the area.

The Forest Service needs to deny the mine permit and require the company to finish cleaning up the mine site. We the concerned citizens in the West and the Nez Perce Tribe do not want the new mine either!