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Subject: Plans for the Stibnite Gold project need to protect water quality and restore habitat
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Dear Payette Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom and staff,

I am writing to inform you of my concern regarding the proposed Stibnite Gold mine on the south fork of the Salmon River. As you know this area is an essential spawning ground for native anadromous fish. While Midas Gold has promised to restore fish passage to headwater streams, the current project proposes burying over a mile of spawning habitat under hundreds of feet of mining waste and tailings. This is unacceptable. The Forest Service needs to examine alternative ways of storing tailings and waste rock so that spawning habitat is protected. The risk of pollution to the watershed is also increased. This is unacceptable. Finally, the proposed plan will fill surrounding valleys with mine waste rock and tailings. The amount of disturbance and environmental risks can be greatly reduced if the mining company scales back its mining effort and commits to backfilling its pits instead of turning them into pit lakes. This area is a sportman's paradise let's not allow it to be turned into a cesspool. Because some minors want to make a few bucks at the expense of the natural world.

Respectfully submitted.

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