Dear Linda Jackson.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project.

I would like the Forest Service to reject the proposed mine and choose the No Action Alternative.

The SDEIS claims irreversible losses to bull trout, cutthroat trout, salmon, and steelhead. Loss of habitat, hazardous material spill risk, and increased stream temperatures all pose risk and mortality to fisheries. (SDEIS p. 4-386).

* Loss of habitat is due, in part, to mining activity over existing waterways, the experimental fish tunnel, the loss of more than 120 acres of wetlands, and the storing of millions of tons of toxic mine waste on site.
* Hazardous spills are inevitable. Spill effects to fish are underestimated in the SDEIS.
* Stream temperatures are estimated to increase up to 12 degrees F – not counting for climate change. It may take 100 years for revegetation (and shading) to lower the water temperature – again, not counting for climate change.

Why are there no project-specific spill risk calculations for numbers of spills, and spill probability, in the SDEIS? SDEIS Pg. 4-345. Perpetua Resources says this is a watershed restoration project, so why does the SDEIS show that stream temperatures will reach lethal levels for salmon and trout? SDEIS pg. 2-146, 4-280.

Fisheries is just one area of concern for me. I am also concerned about wildlife, habitat degradation, hazardous materials traveling throughout Idaho (where are the transportation studies on spills in the North Fork of the Payette River, the Weiser River, and the Little Salmon River?), water quality, the strain on the power grid, wastewater management, air quality, and so much more. I urge the Forest Service to reject the proposed mine and choose the No Action Alternative. Thank you.

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