

JAN 9, 2023

LINDA JACKSON, PAYETTE FOREST SUPERVISOR
CONCERNING: STIBNITE GOLD PROJECT

DEAR SUPERVISOR,

I am opposed to the STIBNITE GOLD PROJECT. I feel the storage ponds and the mining will put lethal, destructive pollutants into the EAST FORK SOUTH FORK RIVER and consequently all the waterways downstream to the Pacific Ocean. This part of Idaho has a history of earthquakes large and small. I don't think containment plans can or will prevent spills if we have an earthquake of large magnitude or many smaller ones. The BULLTROUT, SALMON, STEELHEAD and other fish ~~species~~ provide great angling opportunities for people who come from all over Idaho and other places. They spend a lot of money in Valley County and Idaho. To lose this fishery would be a large economic loss to many people.

Also the proposed haul road from the site to Landmark would follow the FRANK CHURCH RIVER OF NO RETURN WILDERNESS AREA boundary or be very close to the boundary for much of the way. This is definitely detrimental to the

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quality. The noise from the haul road will be heard for miles into the wilderness area disturbing ^{to} the elk, bear, beaver, lions, wolverines other wildlife and also the people who hike horseback ride, backcountry ski and in other ways enjoy the wilderness. The dust from the haul road will drift across the wilderness for miles polluting its plants and WATER. The potential for a spill or accident is not acceptable.

I have fished the EAST FORK, hiked, hiked and rode horses in the FRANK CHURCH. The risks ~~involved~~ involved in the STIBNITE GOLD PROJECT are too great to justify its approval.

STIBNITE's past history should give some idea as to what can happen. After all not too long ago it was a SUPER FUND CLEANUP SITE.

Please do not allow this project to get approval.

THANK YOU,

Carl D. Ruhnala
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