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Comments: I am seriously concerned about doing any more gold mining in the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork Salmon River. Our water quality and purity are of great concern. Mining companies initially pollute with the chemicals needed to extract gold, but the longer term pollution resulting from exposure of deeper rock causes the longer term pollution problem as chemical reactions occur further polluting the environment. The Stibnite mining site was never fully mitigated. Now that site is going to be expanded and further pollute. Taxpayers will be expected to pay for more cleanup even though that site has not had adequate clean up funds before! This makes absolutely no sense. Not only will the citizens be asked to fund the mitigation we will be expected to swallow the pollution in perpetuity.

Also we will destroy that fishery losing important tourist dollars. We will kill adjacent drainages with mining tailings and waste rock. this will also reduce all future recreation and tourist dollars, dollars which are sustainable and ongoing. This mining project will be short-lived in the jobs or income generated but everlasting in the damage caused.

Please do not allow this already polluting and unmitigated mine to expand. Rather require complete restoration and mitigation of previous damage.