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Comments: Mining close to the Main Salmon River and the South Fork of the Salmon is an accident waiting to happen. For more that 13 years, I lived on the Salmon River, 10 miles down river from Challis and spent 6-7 summers on the Selway River. The river is the life blood of Idaho. We have already almost destroyed the Snake River and the planes that surround it with Big AG and Dairies. I have lived in mortal fear about mining accidents along the Salmon. All of the mining activity along these beautiful scenic areas are in danger of mine spills and leakage. If a mine like the Stibnite mine project goes through, the people who recreate on the South Fork of the Salmon, and all the river activity on the Main Salmon will be in danger of catastrophic disaster from the mine tailings that occur with mining gold. Look at the Gold Mine in British Columbia and its threat to the Frazer River. Peoples lives will be destroyed, clean water will not exist, wildlife will be threatened and on and on .

The proposed mine will be a disaster to the South Fork of the Salmon in all the ways that it plans to mine GOLD. And for what???? A few dollars to ultimately destroy the wild and beautiful part of our earth. Mining is not what should be carried on in our forest, our land and in our water. The wild fish habitat will be destroyed. Clean up of a mine will NEVER occur in its natural state.

To the Forest Service, this is a mine which will destroy all that is beautiful and natural and precious to our State, our Nation and our Earth.

Thank you and please listed to those of us who care deeply about our lands.... Not just to those who want to destroy it