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Comments: Dear Stibnite Gold Project Planners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County Idaho, near the East Fork South Fork Salmon River. I am an avid hiker and kayaker and, as you can imagine, have serious concerns about the implications of this project. I am writing to urge you to not move forward with this project.

From what I have read, there has not been a realistic analysis done on the impacts to water quality in the area. What predictions do show, for the best case scenario, requires long term treatment to the water so that it may meet water quality standards and a fund to support that treatment for perpetuity. This is improbable.

The South Fork is a critical habitat for the Chinook salmon, Westslope cutthroat trout, bull trout and steelhead trout. The proposed changes would result in changes in migratory patterns and decreases in productivity. We already know that these species also support other local wildlife and ecology and have already witnessed the detrimental effects that can happen to these species after enduring the environmental impacts of such projects. There will be loss of wildlife and environmental degradation.

It is clear there has not been a thorough examination of the impacts to the outdoor recreation industry, which is notably a large source of local tourism and, I would assume, tax revenues. Presumably, the local economy would suffer. Finally, this would be a huge loss the locals and others who come and benefit from utilizing the area for outdoor recreation.

I do not support this project. Please do not move it forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Keta