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Comments: This is not a new comment, but it is the overarching concern regarding the Stibnite Gold Project. The South Fork of the Salmon is cherished zone by all that frequent the area. When I say "all that frequent the area" I am speaking of more than just people. This is critical habitat for chinook salmon and bull trout, along with other animals. It seems to be counter intuitive to introduce pollution from a mine into the habitat of animals that have been on and off the Endangered Species List, that the Federal Government will eventually have to spend federal dollars to help protect from mine pollution and keep off of the Endangered Species List. This will be another example of a private industry coming into a public area and making a large profit, while the Federal Government and the public will be left with the fiscal responsibility of clean up. Gold mining companies do have the reputation of go bankrupt after their work is complete. On the human side of this issue, there are very few pristine, unroaded areas in the lower 48. The Salmon River drainage is one of those areas. Anyone that has spent time in this area knows its beauty and knows how magical it is to see a chinook salmon or bull trout in the river. It is an area where you will not see any other person for your entire time when you are on the South Fork. The Middle Fork of the Salmon has a similar feel, but it is so difficult to get a permit on the Middle Fork (preference given to guides), and you will defiantly see other people on the Middle Fork. The South Salmon is a place where the true outdoor enthusiast can go and enjoy nature. It does not even seem reasonable operate a mine in this area that will likely destroy the ecosystem. I know that mine owners always say they will protect the environment and do everything they can to maintain an ecosystem. However, we all know they will have an accident, or forget, or whatever reason they can come up with to defend their destruction. Idaho is still one of the few states that has a true wilderness feel and approving mines will eliminate this feel. I have spent a lot of time in Idaho and in SW Colorado. Both areas are beautiful, but SW Colorado is scattered with abandoned mines and they have had recent accidents (2015 Animas River Gold King Mine Spill, see attached). I prefer Idaho over Colorado for this reason. Keep Idaho pristine, and do not follow in Colorado's footsteps.

ATTACHMENT: Photograph of kayakers in brown colored waters