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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

Please reconsider the expansion of the Stibnite mine! As a Whitewater kayaker, and someone who spends time in the South Salmon river corridor each year, I worry that the effects of the mine would be devastating to the entire watershed, including all of the species who live there, and I feel very concerned that this project would totally destroy this incredible natural resource. My plea has less to do with my love of recreational kayaking, and more to do with respecting and protecting the places that I have been able to access through the sport. One of the things that makes the South Fork Salmon special is the wild nature of the place itself! It feels beautiful and untouched by man... it is teeming with fish and wildlife. If the mining project changes anything, water temperature or quality, or destroys any of the rivers surrounding forest or wetland, it would completely upset the balance of the entire river corridor and cause irreversible damage! I feel greatly concerned for the salmon and bull trout population, and any other species of fish living and thriving in the South Fork Salmon. It has taken years and billions of dollars to rebuild the salmon populations, and if this project is approved, all of those efforts will have been for nothing. If the fish population suffers, the other wildlife in the area will as well. But not just in the South Fork, the effects will be carried through the water into the Main Salmon and further downstream of that! All the way to the Snake and into the Columbia. Are you willing and able to provide proof or scientific backed evidence that this project will not have terrible and lasting effects on the entire watershed? Is there an alternative to this project that would not have so much potential risk or hazard to the entire area? Please reconsider damaging this incredible place.

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