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Comments: The Stibnite Mine SDEIS includes no mitigation measures for climate change. This fails to comply with the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA Guidance on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change [CEQ-2022-0005] Notice of Interim Guidance. Section IV H, page 1206, Federal Register Volume 88, No 5. Monday, 1/9/2023 specifically focuses on Mitigation. In addition, no mention or reference is made to the thorough standards developed by the mining industry for adaptation and resilience in gold mining operations.

This action has dramatic impacts upon stream temperature downstream from the mine, and the potential for landslides, and other impacts from extreme precipitation. These risks were not adequately analyzed with regard to climate change. Extreme events, extreme precipitation, and extreme temperatures are all projected to increase in severity and frequency. In the last five years, Idaho has seen exceptional conditions and large fluctuations between extreme heat and cold, extreme precipitation and drought. The risks imposed by extremes were not adequately considered.