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Comments: I am writing to voice my opinion about the importance of protecting and preserving public lands. In that regard, I stand opposed to the proposed gold mining project in the Yellow Pine - Stibnite area because of the massive amount of toxic metals that are used in the process and lead to massive amounts of heavy metal contamination (including arsenic, lead, mercury, antimony, cadmium). Clean air and clean water are essential to sustaining life. This project puts at great risk the waterways that abuts the East Fork South Fork of the Salmon River and Johnson Creek. These waterways are the migration destination for fall Chinook salmon, which are designated as legally threatened along with Steelhead and Bull trout. Lose the viability of these headwaters and we'll forever lose these native fishes that travel 900 miles from the ocean and climb 7,000 ft. to reach these areas to spawn. Contaminating water risks damaging the fishing, tourism and recreational industries and puts species at risk up and down the food chain. Native fish are the canary in this gold mine. Let's not poison their home and ours.