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Comments: As of August 28, fourteen days have elapsed since the release of the Stibnite Gold Project DEIS.

That is 23% of the public comment period.

To our knowledge, there are still no complete printed copies of the DEIS available to the public.

As you know, the Payette National Forest has only made the DEIS available as an electronic document accessible through the Forest's website.

Your failure to provide complete printed copies excludes a significant portion of the public, including some of our members, from participation in the NEPA process. If a person doesn't have a good computer, reliable Internet service (nobody does in McCall, ID), and enough computer skill to negotiate the document - the DEIS is essentially unavailable. Your failure to provide complete printed copies also disproportionately affects Black, Latino, and Native American citizens. This failure violates the spirit and intent of the NEPA. Save the South Fork Salmon views it as discriminatory, unethical, and likely illegal.

We request you remedy this situation by making complete printed copies of the DEIS available to anyone who asks, notifying the public that printed copies are available, and resetting the comment period to begin anew on the day when the public is notified that the printed copies are available.

Will you do this? We look forward to your response.