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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to the stibnite gold mine project. I have several concerns about the project first and foremost being the impact this project would have on a sensitive, critical, and productive bull trout chinook and steelhead salmon habitat on the SF Salmon. These fish are such a vital part of our planet and we've done enough as a human species to displace them and decimate their population.

Secondly, no matter what a mining company says about their "responsible" environmental plan, they're still a for profit organization and will put their bottom line before what's best for an environment. I don't think it's wise to trust a mining company with protecting sensitive public lands especially when there is an inherent conflict of interest.

Finally, the character of the South Fork of the Salmon river would be described by many who have spent time there as wild, scenic, and remote. It is currently managed as a suitable wild and scenic river and it would be a shame to allow this character to be disturbed by a private interest company. Additionally, the recreational opportunities available on the SF Salmon are incredibly unique. The quality of the whitewater and pristine beauty on this river is second to none and there are very few rivers that offer the same things that the SF salmon do from a boating perspective. Some places deserve to be left just the way they are without any intrusion from private interest groups and I feel the SF Salmon should be included among them.

Historically, the mining industry has shown us time and time again that short term gains with long term consequences is what we can expect from their impact on the land. The River of No Return is the lifeblood of Idaho and I feel it's incredibly unwise to trust a mining company to protect this heritage.

Thank you for your time,

Zak