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Comments: I am dismayed that I even have to comment about the reopening of the Stibnite Mine. I lived near Yellow Pine in 1999 and 2000, shortly after the Stibnite Mine closed. Over these 20 years, I have only noticed an increase in growth to the McCall/Cascade area since I left. The economy of this rural community is thriving. Moreover, Midas Gold is from Canada, not the United States. They have no true interest in preserving our public lands nor this community. The trend of mining companies is to extract, decimate, then leave the mess for the American taxpayer. The main reason for reopening the Stibnite Mine is money, not environmental improvements. No monetary price tag can be placed on the East Fork of the Salmon River, the South Fork of the Salmon River, or the surrounding areas of Yellow Pine, i.e the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. It is priceless. It is a sacred place.

Let us be honest with ourselves, reopening the Stibnite Mine and expanding operations WILL have a negative impact on multiple threatened and endangered species, such as Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout. Moreover, it will continue to feed our addiction to greed and consumption. With an increase of wildfires, hurricanes and spread of disease, we need to stop this behavior. We need to preserve these rare pristine areas. They are safe havens for many, including myself.

I understand the scope of the management policy of the USFS allowing for multiple use; however, as a public land lover and Idaho resident, I see no benefits to allowing Midas Gold to reopen the Stibnite Mine. Please save the South Fork of the Salmon and choose not to continue with this mining plan.