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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Peter Gombert. I was born and raised in Boise, Idaho. My family actually has a house in Donnelly so I have called the Payette River system home for many years. I learned how to backcountry ski up Lick Creek Road and learned how to kayak in Banks. As an Idaho native I am extremely proud of my home states vast swath of wild land. I am proud of the incredible amounts of pristine rivers. I love how clean the water, forests and air are.

Today I am contacting you to ask you to make a decision to protect all that makes me love my home state. The Stibnite Gold Project will threaten all of the things that I love about my home state. It will soil the water, rip apart the land, and remove the fish that call it home.

The South Salmon river is one of the most incredible places I have ever seen. The initial monetary gain for the community will be nothing compared to the amount of money the mine will generate for its shareholders in Canada and will leave the community worse off than if the money was invested into environmental tourism jobs which will only grow with time.

This is all without regarding the impact to the salmon, steelhead, and bull trout which call this basin their breeding grounds. The statement that the mine will not affect the fish and water quality is one not supported by the science.

I hope that you will take my statement into consideration when determining the fate of this river and please not let foreign companies come and extract valuable Idaho gold, poison famous Idaho rivers, and ruin pristine Idaho landscapes. Please put Idaho first, put Idaho before profits. Thank you sincerely for your time.

Peter Gombert