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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I write this to urge you to please take great care in the analysis of the EIS for Stibnite Gold Project #50516. Every watershed in the US is valuable beyond its weight in gold to the anglers, hikers, outdoorsmen and women that enjoy the resource. As well as to the fly and tackle shops, lodges, fishing and hunting guides who's entire way of life and making a living depend on the resource's protection and natural state. If the resource were to be diminished even a little bit it puts their livelihoods at extreme risk and by doing so also eliminates the state's tax dollars that these businesses bring in.

The public has now seen through the Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine case that EIS's can be deceitful and they can be written in such a way that does not truly describe the project developer's real intentions.

On Midas Gold's website they show plans for environmental restoration. However we all know that nature has its own restoration plan that it can only implement when human caused root problems are fixed and then the environment is left alone. To further destroy a watershed with another gold mine and then try to restore it not only sounds unfeasible but also sounds like a false promise.

So please, in your analysis of the EIS, whatever doubts may occur - error on the side of conservation of the South Fork of the Salmon River, on the side of its endangered salmon, and on the side of the humans whose happiness and livelihoods are derived by the resource in its natural state, not in the form of a gold mine.

Thanks for your time.

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