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Comments: There is only one appropriate action regarding the Stibnite Gold Project, and that is no further action. The reasons why go far beyond the implications for the South Fork Salmon River, but lets start there. There is a thriving and sustainable recreation-based economy in central Idaho that is centered around the Salmon River and on public lands. Access to these Public Lands would be sacrificed to this project, 13,466 acres of land to be exact. The New Perce Tribe maintain their traditional hunting, fishing, and foraging practices on these lands which they have treaty rights to subsist on. These subsistence practices and the recreation of many others would be lost. In the name of what, the profits of a gold mining company, a Canadian company to be specific. The typical story of these mines is that they go bankrupt right before the cleanup phase of the plan, leaving taxpayers responsible for the massive endeavor. And boy is there much to clean up. Gold mines almost always pollute ground or surface water, and endanger wildlife who thrive in these waters. The species most affected in this case are chinook salmon, steelhead and bull trout--the latter two are protected by the endangered species act. The ecological instability trends upward as fast as the economic growth, and only one of these things is long lasting. Short term economic gains are not worth the life of ecosystems, the honor of treaties, or the perseverance of traditional recreation and fisheries. The incentives to proceed with a project like this may seem very appealing. GOLD! We all dream of it. But the reality is gold only comes on the backs of so many things. It is time to make the hard choice to no longer take the path of least resistance, to stand up for the longevity of our Earth and its people, and to be on the right side of history. Deny any further action on the Stibnite Gold Project!