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Comments: Hi,

I am a whitewater kayaker, rafter and fisherman and I love the South Fork of the Salmon River. For the past ten years I have made an annual pilgrimage to paddle in the Salmon River drainage and will continue to do so as long as I am able! It is truly one of the most beautiful, wild places left in this great country of ours. From the Secesh river, to the East Fork of South Fork, the South Fork, the Middle Fork, and the Main and Lower, the Salmon drainage is truly incredible.

I am very concerned that the proposed Stibnite mine will destroy this wonderful place. I grew up paddling the rivers of West Virginia and I have seen the effects of mining on watersheds and ecosystems. Mining destroys rivers, no matter how you cut it. Swimming, paddling and fishing on polluted rivers is horrible and it would be a tragedy if the South Fork Salmon were to succumb such fate.

I am asking the Forest Service to create a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the relative agencies and public to review and have the opportunity to comment on in order to address all of the missing and incomplete information of the current DEIS. I know there is a lot of missing information, and the best way to capture that is with a supplemental DEIS.

I also know that Midas Gold is crooked and is using their money to push this project through the legislature. This project will take wealth out of Idaho and destroy one of its most precious resources.

Please consider the implications of opening the South Fork to such pillage on our future and our children.

Thanks,

Michael Shields