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Comments: For years our family has appreciated and recreated on Idaho's amazing rivers including the South Fork of the Salmon. We have always appreciated being able to use public lands and incorporated them into raising our children. Hence, all five as adults appreciate their irreplaceable value. As the Forest Service is directed to manage these lands that these precious rivers run through please keep the public interest in mind by:

- 1) Not approving the Stibnite Gold Project proposal.
- 2) Extending the comment period for the Stibnite GoldProject Draft EIS to the full 120 days.

While there are countless reasons for the above measures the ones that stand out to us are:

- The adverse effect on fish and other wildlife.
- The devastating, detrimental impact of an open pit mine and of cyanide leaking and the resultant long, drawn out, expensive clean up.
- The desecration the mine would do to the lands held sacred by the Nez Pierce.
- The value at stake deserves the time necessary for the public to give input rather than be rushed through for one special interest.

The health of the rivers and the land affect the health of all of us, our children and our children's children .Please base your decisions on benefitting the general public and its future generations rather than the profits of a company.

Sincerely,

Gerard and Loretta Byrd