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I am sending in this comment, as I have some major concerns regarding the Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516. First of all, I am an avid outdoor recreationist and value rivers and the outdoors in general for their environmental, cultural and societal value. Idaho is home to some amazing, pristine and simply unique and outstanding whitewater and therefore holds a special place in my heart.

I am writing to ask 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 noticed there is a lot of missing information, and the best way to capture that is with a supplemental DEIS. So as a responsible agency who is involved with managing public resources, such as water quality and quantity, I ask that you please provide the aforementioned information.

While I am also writing to support Alternative 5, the No Action Alternative outlined in the existing Stibnite Gold Project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the requested Supplemental Draft EIS is crucial for review and consideration.

Apart from other issues to consider, such as the threat to long-term public health and the lack of accountability to maintain environmental and public health measures after completion of the project, my main concern is the near immediate negative environmental and related socio-economical impacts:

The DEIS clearly states that all of the alternatives presented, apart from Alternative 5, would adversely affect federally listed endangered fish species, their habitat, and the watershed's water quality and quantity.

This further negatively impacts economic vitality related to tourism and recreation of surrounding communities and those in Idaho who depend upon the integrated watershed of Salmon River systems and the hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to our National Forests. This number and economic benefits are growing immensely annually, with a recorded record number of visitors and related economic benefits in summer 2020.

On top of that, incomplete and unavailable information impedes the public's ability, and the Services' ability, to evaluate significant adverse impacts.