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Comments: I am writing to register my opposition to mining activities on the South fork of the salmon river, Specifically the Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516. Our National Forests should be protected from the industrialization of habitat and clean water sources. The types of activities required to extract minerals will have effects on the local environment that will not be reparable. Tens of thousands of tons of tailings will need to be relocated away from the area of active mining this will bury acres of forest landscape and habitat. The mine tailings will be subject to environmental erosion and will leach heavy metals. Eventually the heavy metals will begin polluting the water table and surface waters. The environmental costs of mitigating the destruction and pollution created by these mining activities will likely be borne by the public. The National Forest Service should consider the interests of the public and protect the area of the proposed mine, keeping it intact and unaffected by destructive extraction activities. The interests of the public should be placed above the short profit motives of private corporations. Please do not approve the Gold Stibnite mining on the South Fork of the Salmon River.