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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. I am writing to oppose the Stibnite Gold Project because, despite the incomplete impact analyses, the societal and environmental costs of this project far outweigh any potential benefits.

The South Fork of the Salmon and the surrounding wilderness is irreplaceable. It is irreplaceable for many reasons including, but not limited to, habitat preservation, recreation, and the idea of wilderness itself.

As a trained geoscientist, with education in economic geology, I understand that minerals are a necessity to the modern world and the primary sources of these are in economic mineral deposits. The minerals that Stibnite want to extract in this wilderness however, are in marginally economic deposits and may be mined in countless other localities, so there is no imperative or necessity.

Although I may come off with a "NIMBY" attitude, Midas has conversely not demonstrated compelling reason for "IMBY".

To summarize, I oppose the Stibnite Gold project because the resources extracted are easily replaceable whereas the untrammled wilderness of the South Fork of the Salmon is not.

Thanks for your consideration and time.