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Comments: Having studied the environmental impact of mines internationally (most specifically copper mines in Mongolia), I know that the extraction industry forever alters the landscapes it exploits. Midas Gold Corporations proposal that their project is about restoration, while shrewd, is misleading: this project is about mining gold, and mining gold has irrevocable environmental impacts. The August DEIS reveals that the Stibnite Gold Project would reduce habitat for Endangered Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout, and put the Salmon River in danger of mining contamination. 75 percent of this project is supposed to take place on public land, land that belongs first to the Nez Perce people. It is unconscionable to forever violate the headwaters of one of Idaho's most iconic rivers for a short-lived financial boon that will not even benefit the people of Idaho. I have spent years guiding on the Salmon River and sharing its wonders with people from all over the world. Healthy rivers are Idaho's true treasure, and they are worth far more than gold. Please, stop Stibnite.