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Comments: I'm writing to express concern and to object the projected Stibnite mine. Idaho is where I consider home and has been my home for 24 years of my 28 year life. I've made a living by working on the Salmon river for 4 years. The Stibnite mine, despite will harm over 3,000 acres of land the majority of which is public and will impair critical habitat for ESA listed species like bull trout, steelhead, and chinook salmon. There is no such thing as an environmentally friendly mine even if the company Midas Gold touts safe practices. The possibility of acid drainage, tailing dam failures and spills put too much at risk for Idahoans. The additional traffic to the area risks erosion and sedimentation of small streams all of which drain into the greater river systems and risk disrupting habitat downstream.

Idaho is a whitewater state meaning anglers, rafters, kayakers, etc, treasure the recreational opportunities that the entire undamed Salmon river provide and its tributaries provide. This resource is more valuable than boom and bust jobs associated with a mining project run by a Canadian mining company that has detrimental long-lasting effects. Recreation and preserving ecological integrity of this area and the pristine waters of the south fork salmon, east fork south fork salmon and the miles of salmon river downstream to the Columbia is what I, as a stakeholder, value.

I also urge you to support Alternative 5: the No Action Alternative. Idahoans, Idaho rivers, and the outdoor economy are far more valuable than the Stibnite Gold Project. Again, there is no such thing as an environmentally, good-intentioned mine, and Idahoans deserve better than this.