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Comments: Hello,

My name is Ali Chapman and I am a Swiftwater Rescue Instructor and concerned citizen who utilizes the South Fork of the Salmon in its current, undiminished state. As a stakeholder of these public resources, it is concerning to me that the Forest Service, who is directed to manage the South Fork of the Salmon in the best interest of the public, is unconcerned about the well-being of our citizens in relation to public and environmental health.

I am writing to ask that the Forest Service creates a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the public to review - as there currently is a lot of missing information. This missing information impedes the public's ability to accurately evaluate the significant adverse impacts of the Stibnite Gold Project. Based on the information provided in Table 4.1-1 it is clear that there are areas where the unavailable/incomplete information is critical to developing a "reasoned choice among alternatives".

Furthermore, The DEIS states that "information on the adequacy of the leak detection layer for Alternative 2 has not yet been provided" (Section 4.1-3). However, "the functionality of the MicroDrain liner/leak configuration proposed under Alternative 2 is relatively new technology, thus adequacy of performance over long time frames has not been fully described" (Section 4.1-3). This is critical in containing the millions of tons of toxic mining waste. If information is not publicly available about how well the liner will function or how long it will last, no reasonable determination can be made about the impacts to the affected environment and environmental consequences under Alternative 2.

It is concerning that the proposed mining threatens our public's long term health, and the lack of accountability to maintain both environmental and public health measures after the project is complete is even more alarming. The public deserves an opportunity to fully understand the impacts of this project. Thank you for your hard work and recognition of the necessity for a Supplemental DEIS. Please confirm receipt of this message.

- Ali Chapman