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Comments: I am a McCall resident born and raised in the state of Idaho. However it does not take a lifetime of living and recreating in Idaho's wilderness to know that Idaho's rivers and wilderness areas are precious and the undisturbed habitat of fish and wildlife are absolutely 100% worth preserving for generations to come. The proposal of Stibnite mine in the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon by Midas Gold is distressing. After reviewing sections of the DEIS I am writing to to state my concerns. Top on my list of concerns are recreational impacts, social and economic impacts, impacts on water and air quality, thus the health effects on humans from toxic metals, and the transportation of hazardous materials. There are several issues that were not adequately covered or addressed in the sections of of the DEIS that I reviewed but in the essence of time I choose to focus on transportation of hazardous and toxic chemicals and the local tourism economy and recreation.

The Stibnite Gold Project will require year-round shipments of thousands of tons of hazardous or toxic chemicals and explosives and millions of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel. The transportation routes are along the Payette River, or the Weiser River, or the Salmon and Little Salmon Rivers. All shipments will travel through residential and commercial areas of

McCall or Cascade, then along 75 miles of backcountry roads to the mine site. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement does not analyze the accident and spill risk anywhere on Hwy.'s 95 or 55 or in the towns of McCall or Cascade. The DEIS grossly underestimates the accident risk on backcountry roads. The DEIS contains no analysis of the effects of a spill and no plan to clean up a spill. This highly concerns me. The detriment to the health of wildlife, humans, and our environment as a result of a toxic spill can not be overlooked. A toxic spill could effect the health for generations to come.

1. In Section 3.4.3.3.17 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, the DEIS notes that "Communities near the analysis area are rural and rely heavily on tourism and the trade industry to support their economies" and yet the Recreation section of the DEIS (3.19 beginning on page 603) does not include any information on the impact the project will have on local recreation.

- Please provide an economic analysis of the local tourism economy and the Stibnite impacts including methods, sources, and data relevant to the most recent 2-3 years.

I am not alone in my love of recreating in Idaho. 79% of Idaho's residents participate in outdoor recreation. Idaho's outdoor recreation economy generates \$7.8 billion in consumer spending and support 78,000 jobs.

I am in support of absolutely NO Stibnite mine by Midas Gold.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

