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Comments: The South Fork of the Salmon River, and the entire Salmon River Drainage, is a very unique and ecologically important river system for our country. A gold mine at the headwaters of this river simply makes no sense. There is no possible way that the economic profit- to a Canadian Mining Company no less!- are going to offset the terrible damage this project will inevitably bring on downstream. The Salmon already have a hard enough time getting up the Salmon from the ocean and this project will only make it harder for them. The DEIS for Stibnite Gold Project showed that even if everything goes according to plan, including their proposed restoration work, 20.8% of Chinook Salmon's critical habitat, and 27.5% of Bull Trout Habitat will be destroyed in the project analysis area! How could this possibly worth profiting a Canadian Mining Company?! Those fish species cannot afford to lose even more of their already infringed upon habitat. It is clear that this project will only profit a very small few, most of whom do not even reside in the US, but this project will hurt many, many more. More jobs will be lost from this project than will be gained. Fisherman, fishing guides, raft companies, outfitters of all kinds, shuttle drivers, communities like Riggins, Idaho, depend on the Salmon River drainage being a clean and worthy place to recreate for their livelihoods. The very few, TEMPORARY jobs that would be created by the Stibnite Project could never offset the jobs and opportunity that will be lost. This project is clearly a poor choice for the Salmon River Drainage, for Idaho, and for the United States of America. I know that our society needs to extract natural resources to sustain the current way of life we all currently enjoy, but our world does not need the Stibnite Gold Project. Please do the right thing and make the Stibnite Gold Project and Midas Gold go back to Canada where they belong. I hope the US Forest Service realizes, that we, the citizens of the United States of America, do not want them to allow another mining company to ruin one of our nation's most valuable assets- clean water.