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Comments: To whom it may concern,

The South Fork Salmon is a rare success story of recovery after two destructive mining operations, and should not be subject to an even more exploitive development. This operation would seriously threaten endangered chinook salmon populations, bull trout, whitefish, sturgeon, and the downstream ecosystem at large. Agricultural systems and local communities rely on this river for clean water. Preservation of ecosystems and communities should be the forefront concern of the U.S. Forest Service, not the profit margins of a foreign company.

Engaging an operation with a projected restoration cost as high as this, while understanding the overwhelming historical evidence of mining companies' failures to execute effective environmental cleanup, is both environmentally and politically irresponsible. Tunnel reroutes are, and have always been, ineffective supplements to destroyed salmon spawning grounds, and would severely sharpen the threats that this endangered species already face. Absolutely no for-profit operation should install infrastructure in perpetuity; the South Fork Salmon is no place for an exception.

The Plan of "Restoration" and Operation proposal is a blatant disregard for local economies and ecosystems in Idaho. The Stibnite mine aligns solely with foreign interests and directly threatens the future of this penultimately wild space. This is the most remote and least-visited drainage of the entire Salmon river system - it is public lands, and it is important: protect it.