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Comments: Hello,

First,thank you for providing this open comment forum.I would strongly urge the extension of this comment period.

I am strongly opposed to the reopening of the stebnite mine. My Opposition stems from the recreational use of the south fork and east fork Salmon rivers. I come from a fishing family that has fished for Salmon on this river for decades, risking vital salmon and other fish habitat to reopen this mine is not a risk worth taking, and frankly irresponsible. We(Humans) have already caused insurmountable damage to Salmon and Steelhead. My second reason is for whitewater recreation of the these rivers, while lesser known than fishing, the impact that damage to these rivers could have as a result of reopening this mine would be crippling to the whitewater community. One trip down the south fork salmon river from the confluence of the east fork to Mackey bar would convince any person in support if this mining project to reconsider. This river is one of the most beautiful, unique, and wild rivers in the west. We need to protect it.

I sincerely hope I will enjoy paddling and camping along this river for decades to come.

Thank you for reading these comments. I hope you will consider ending this project once and for all for the sake of preserving a truely incredible river for the future.