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Comments: My name is Franny DePhillips and I live in Boise, Idaho. I am a lover of nature of all kinds, and deeply care for all inhabitants of wild places. I fish, hike, camp and explore in order to gain a better understanding, respect and connection to nature. I am grateful to be able to comment on an issue regarding a topic such as the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. If the proposed mining project is permitted it would directly impact the pristine and wild places that I, and many others deeply value.

As someone who values the contributions of anadromous fish to the greater ecosystem, I have a great concern with some of the evidence stated in the DEIS that the fish would face adverse impact. For example, within table ES 4-1, the DEIS indicates that there will be significant habitat loss for four different fish species, 3 of which are listed federally under the endangered species (Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, Bull Trout, Cutthroat Trout) act. In the row of table ES 4-1 that describes the effects of the SGP on Chinook Salmon habitat, the DEIS clearly indicates that significant critical habitat loss of up to 27% of all Chinook Salmons critical habitat across alternatives 1-4 would be lost, with a minimum critical habitat loss across alternatives 1-4 being 5.5 km.

In the row of table ES 4-1, that includes data surrounding Bull Trout critical habitat loss, the DEIS cites that a minimum direct habitat loss across alternatives 1-4 comes in at 4.7km. With the maximum habitat loss being in alternative 3 coming in at 11.9km, or 70% of all Bull Trout critical habitat in the area.

Clearly, the data included in the DEIS is completely inconsistent with Midas Golds claims to restore the site. It contradicts the theme that the land will be left better than it is found. The impacts of the mine will cause permanent and significant damage to the species that rely on and provide so much to the ecosystem. Damaging something so intricate and deeply connected will be reflected upon with much regret in the future. The detrimental effects on the anadromous fish will cause enormous ripple effects throughout the entire ecosystem. The dependency of the ecosystem on these fish can not be understated.

As an extremely concerned citizen, I ask that the forest service please select ALTERNATIVE 5, as the future of the SGP. ALTERNATIVE 5, is the only option that will not absolutely devastate the entire ecosystem for years to come. Additionally, I would like to ask the Forest Service to extend the comment period to a full 120 days (starting on the release date of the DEIS, August 14th). This DEIS is incredibly dense and difficult to interpret, and for the general population to take time to read, and comment on it, would require more time than what is currently given.

Thank you for your time, I am grateful for the opportunity to provide public comment.