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Comments: Our business supports and depends upon access to public lands and healthy rivers. We sell fly fishing equipment all over the world and we are located here in Idaho. The reason we base our business here in Idaho is the proximity to world class public lands and clean water with healthy fish. This allows us to share our knowledge of fishing, test products, and create content through imagery and video and largely drive sales through our content. After reading through some of the DEIS we did not find sufficient analysis pertaining to the impacts this mine would have on outdoor recreation and access in the area.

The Forest Service must provide a supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement to address these issues, and extend the public comment period to 120 days to provide sufficient opportunity for public involvement.

We are well connected to many businesses in the fishing and outdoor community, not only in Idaho but all throughout the US. Recreation in Idaho is on the rise.

With over \$7.8 Billion in annual recreation spending, that number will only continue to increase as long as Idaho provides the opportunities to recreate. Also, more outdoor and recreational companies will bring their business to Idaho if they know that Idaho is a state that supports recreation. The Stibnite mine puts the image of Idaho as a recreational hub in jeopardy, and limiting access to recreation in order to make way for a mine is not only backtracking, but it sends a message that Idaho doesn't support its \$7.8 Billion recreational economy.

When the State of Utah didn't come out in favor of protecting Bears Ears National Monument, countless outdoor companies left the state as well as the state losing the Outdoor Retailer trade show and all of the money that was spent to get people to the show. The potential for people to raise their voice in protest to this project and for larger companies to get involved in speaking up could have a similar impact to our state.

The Stibnite Gold Project will negatively impact public access to public land and rivers, water quality, ESA listed fish prized by anglers, and diminish the recreational experience. These issues will directly affect Idaho's outdoor industry, and the many local businesses reliant upon this growing sector. Living in McCall, we rely on the South Fork of the Salmon river for a lot of our content. The clean and clear water, big bull trout, and wilderness access helps us share a message that Idaho is wild. And we would love to see it stay that way.