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Comments: Hello. My name is Ana and I have been a whitewater photographer and kayaker along Idaho's river systems for years now. I am concerned about the environmental, ecological and communal impacts this mining project will have on the South Fork of the Salmon. The South Fork of the Salmon is rich with biodiversity and wildlife. Most spectacularly, this stretch is home to Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Bull Trout. All of these fish species are on the Most Endangered Species list due to human interference in their natural environment. The Stibnite Gold Project poses a grave risk of endangering the fish further until extinction. The project will notably impact fish migration and river quality. The Stibnite Gold Project's plan is to redirect the river around mining operations which poses unknown consequences on fish migration. Further, the runoff from the mining site downstream will contaminate our pristine whitewater. This will have lasting impacts on the biodiversity, fish and wildlife that call this river system home. In the event of a mining disaster, the impacts of harsh chemicals in the river system could be irreversible, posing grave consequences to both the biodiversity and whitewater community of the Idaho Rivers. In addition to natural biodiversity, the South Fork of the Salmon is also home to an incredible whitewater recreation community that I have been fortunate enough to be part of. This community is local and international in nature, as the Idaho River Systems attracts whitewater folks from around the world to enjoy Idaho's incredible whitewater. The South Fork, as a whitewater recreation community hub, deserves to be preserved for generations come. The mine will directly endanger local species, disrupt natural ecosystems, and potentially contaminate the river for generations to come. I stand with my whitewater community to preserve this incredible stretch of wild river. In order to preserve our rivers, the ecosystems and communities that call them home, please stop the Stibnite Gold Mine Project.