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Comments: As an Idahoan, river recreationist, mountain guide, U.S. Forest Service employee and former Idaho Fish and Game employee, I am disappointed with the DEIS that was released regarding the Stibnite Gold Mine proposed on the South Fork of the Salmon River. I cannot stress enough the economic and ecologic value that this watershed holds which is why I strongly urge you to fully condemn any further development of this mine project.

According to the Stibnite Gold Mine DEIS, 13,000 acres of public land will be inaccessible during the nearly 20 year project lifecycle. I am a state resident and tax payer and this is absolutely unacceptable. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, the outdoor recreation economy in Idaho supports 78,000 direct jobs, generates \$7.8 billion dollars in consumer spending, supports \$2.3 billion to Idaho work wages and salaries, and generates \$447 million in state and local tax revenue. The Salmon River and its tributaries undeniably support our fruitful Idaho outdoor economy and should be respected and protected as such. The effects of moving forward with this reckless project would be catastrophic for the South Fork and Salmon River ecosystem. And for what? A mine that might make some money primarily for a foreign entity for 20 years?

The East Fork/South Fork of the Salmon River provides critical habitat (as designated by the EPA) for 3 Endangered Species Act listed fish species: chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. This habitat was designated by scientists as ESSENTIAL for the conservation of the species. In addition, according to the USFS website, "Within critical habitat, an agency must avoid actions that destroy or adversely modify that critical habitat." Every single proposed action in the DEIS would catastrophically damage more than 20% of designated critical habitat for both chinook salmon and bull trout.

In summary, the DEIS is lacking critical analysis and sufficient alternatives for the public to weigh in, and the Forest Service must submit a supplemental EIS to address these issues. I also urge you to support Alternative 5: the No Action Alternative. The rivers and outdoor recreation economy are the heartbeat of this state. Gold mining is Idaho's history, NOT future. Please stop the Stibnite Mine Project.

Thank you for your time.