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Comments: To whom it may concern,

This letter is in opposition to the Stibnite Gold Project. Even the possibility of ecological damage to the South Fork of the Salmon River is not worth the short term economic gains - which would only benefit a few people. I live in Stanley, Idaho, on the other side of the Frank Church wilderness. My wife grew up in New Meadows not far from the proposed site. We have spent a lot of time in the Frank Church (many months, collectively) and have hiked on the South Fork of the Salmon. The place is very special to us (and others) and the thought of risking it for something as trivial in the short term as gold mining sickens me. Gold mining has a very checkered history of environmental disasters. Each time a gold mine is proposed, they say that somehow they'll do it differently. But it really just comes down to money, and I think we all know that if we think hard about it and listen to our gut feelings. Too much public land has been impacted already by gold mining, and the government has spent too much money (our money) cleaning up disasters and superfund sites. This is public land, there for the enjoyment of all people. Our public land is being threatened in so many places as corporate interests are put ahead of those of the people to whom the land actually belongs. I ask, implore, the policy makers to think about the long term protection of the land for the American public rather than the short term gains for a corporation and a few people that it may employ for a few years. Thank you for your consideration, and please oppose the Stibnite Gold Mine project.