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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Shiva Rajbhandari and I am a Sophomore at Boise High. This last 6 months has been challenging for everyone, but it has been especially challenging for students and youth who haven't been able to see their friends, go to school, or have the same kind of fun as pre-pandemic times. My vent during these times is Idaho's great outdoors. I love fly fishing on the Salmon, camping near McCall, and running in the foothills. I'm so privileged to live in Idaho, where, during these distanced and often lonely times, at least I can go outside and enjoy the world God created for all of us. Idaho ranks 51st in education. I wouldn't be here if it weren't for the natural wonders of our state.

The Stibnite Mine threatens all of that. It will poison our water, our fish, and our soil. It will dramatically alter the Salmon River freshwater ecosystem. The project is practically stealing our public lands. Approving this DEIS is akin to approving the demise of what Idaho is best at, the great outdoors.

"You do not inherit the Earth from your ancestors, you borrow it from your children," goes the Native American proverb. Please consider your legacy and how you want your children and their children to remember you as you review this project.

Please reject this DEIS and protect Idaho's public lands!

Yours Sincerely,

Shiva Rajbhandari

Public Land Owner