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Comments: Comment on South Fork of the Salmon River Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516

Greetings Supervisor Linda Jackson and Chief Vicki Christiansen,

I am writing in regards to the South Fork of the Salmon River Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516. I am an avid outdoor recreationist, who values rivers and their environmental, spiritual, and societal value. Specifically, I value the rivers and spectacular whitewater resources of Idaho. Thus, I am concerned about the well-being of our precious lands and watersheds. Professionally, I spend my time as a Montessori teacher, guiding 3-6 year olds in becoming stewards to value our resources for future generations and the healing of our Planet's ecosystems. I have become the person I am today thanks to spectacular moments on rivers. The Salmon River is an extremely powerful and life changing river.

I am writing to ask the Forest Service to create a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the relative agencies and public to review and have the opportunity to comment on in order to address all of the missing and incomplete information of the current DEIS highlighted below. I noticed there is a lot of missing information, and the best way to capture that is with a supplemental DEIS. So as a responsible agency who is involved with managing public resources, such as water quality and quantity, I ask that you please provide the aforementioned information. While I am also writing to support Alternative 5, the No Action Alternative outlined in the existing Stibnite Gold Project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the requested Supplemental Draft EIS is crucial for review and consideration.Incomplete and unavailable information impedes the public's ability, and the Services' ability, to evaluate significant adverse impacts

Based on reading the documents I am concerned of the negative environmental impact and related economic and social impacts. The DEIS clearly states that all of the alternatives presented, apart from Alternative 5, would adversely affect federally listed endangered fish species, their habitat, and the watershed's water quality and quantity. This further negatively impacts economic vitality related to tourism and recreation of surrounding communities and those in Idaho who depend upon the integrated watershed of Salmon River systems and the hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to our National Forests. This number and economic benefits are growing immensely annually, with a recorded record number of visitors and related economic benefits in summer 2020. Additionally, the proposed mining that threatens long-term public health. As a teacher, I deeply consider the impacts on the health of our future generations and ecosystem livelihoods. These decisions will both directly and indirectly affect populations near and far. The impact on the watershed of one river undoubtedly affects the watersheds and ecosystems of many.

Thank you so much for your time in reading my values. May the resilient river prevail.