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Comments: Dear Forest Service Members,

I was born and raised in Idaho, and I completed my MFA at the University of Idaho. While a student, I won a fellowship to spend time in the Frank Church Wilderness. This experience forever changed my understanding of wilderness and its invaluable impact on people. It provided me with exploration, rejuvenation, and adventure, something I'd experienced in other wild places, but this area was different. Because of its remote nature, I felt truly away from other worries and present in a profound way. A large part of this was due to the mighty Salmon River itself, barreling across the landscape, forging a path among the peaks and crags.

With the onslaught of mining projects and drilling that continues to slaughter our last vestiges of wilderness and escapes from our everyday lives, I encourage you and your fellow staff members to reject the Stibnite Mining project. Restarting outdated mining projects that risk irreversible damage to our wild areas and health risks to our communities doesn't reflect Idahoan values, nor does it impact Idaho in a positive way.

Say no to money grabbing mining projects and yes to supporting the protection of our landscapes and to the safety of our families and communities.

Thanks for your time and work to keep our forests and federal lands plentiful and prosperous.

Sincerely,

Jessica C. McDermott