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Comments: The South Fork Salmon River is one of Idaho's most ecologically important watersheds. I urge you to very closely examine the impacts of this project on the wildlife and ecology of the area. Mining projects permanently disrupt the area in and around the mine. There are many threatened species in the area. The Forest Service is tasked with managing and protecting our forests and wild lands. This proposed Stibnite would forever change this area and disrupt the habitat of many species and the tailings would cause long term pollution of the waterways and land.

Once the environment is poisoned by tailings it is nearly impossible to repair and restore and I am willing to bet the entities wanting to establish the Stibnite mine will not be willing to commit the multiple millions of dollars to cleaning up the mess the mine will make. And even if they were willing to pay for restoration it will never be the same. The animals whose habitat has been destroyed may never return and the ecological systems that exist now cannot be guaranteed to be restored.