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Comments: As a native Idahoan, I strongly oppose the Stibnite Mine. Perpetua's plans include broad mitigation measures to "restore the site," however, the notion that additional mining is required in order to do so is simply bad policy and science. Even with the proposed measures, there will be permanent damage to critical fisheries and water quality.

The reality is that almost all mines of this size end up polluting water supplies with cyanide, diesel fuel, or other contaminants. The headwaters of the East Fork South Fork Salmon River, and its importance to salmon recovery, are far too valuable to be placed in jeopardy at the expense of a profit driven gold mine.

The project impacts high interest public resources, including fish listed by the ESA, the Frank Church Wilderness, wild rivers, and roadless areas - all important pristine ecosystems within Idaho. Even with reclamation efforts, the mine site will still impact soil and aquifers for decades or even generations.

We must preserve Idaho's wild ecosystems, recreation access, and indigenous cultural sites by stopping the Stibnite Mine and any related Perpetua Resources projects.

Thank you.