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Comments: I am strongly opposed Stibnite Gold Project. Whatever short-term gain exists for a few people is greatly outweighed by the likelihood of damage to an important ecosystem and watershed. Mines have shown time and again that their proposed environmental protections and mitigations are flawed and often fail, and that preserving the ecosystem in which they operate is not their top priority. When these mitigation measures fail, it typically spells long-term or permanent damage to the environment and taxpayers are often left paying the bill for clean up. In addition, despite its worth, gold is not a particularly important raw material - further undermining the value of this project. I fervently request that the US Forest Service value the long-term health and integrity of the South Fork of the Salmon watershed and ecosystem - that benefits us all - over the short-term gain that benefits a few. We need to put long-term environmental health before short-term profit.