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Comments: Supervisor Jackson,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. The proposed mine, though presented as a "restoration" project, is a dangerous, irresponsible, and profit driven endeavor. If the project is allowed to move forward it will ultimately result in profit for a private, Canadian company above all else. While causing irreversible damage to the protected Salmon River watershed, impede on native treaties and hunting rights, cause disruptions to numerous recreational opportunists in the area, and undoubtedly cause unforeseen issues within the Valley county community.

Over 75% of Idahoans participate in Idaho recreation and the industry is experiencing massive growth. The towns of Cascade, Donnelly, and McCall rely heavily on this recreation which is directly threatened by the approval of the Stibnite mine. Recreation opportunities including whitewater kayaking and rafting, hiking, mountain biking, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, backcountry skiing, fishing, and more are all at jeopardy of being disrupted in the area of the mine far outside the arbitrary radius set by the analysis done to this point. Increased traffic, the presence of heavy equipment, road work, wildlife displacement, loss in water quality, and disturbances to night skies are just some of the risks associated.

Introducing these factors into the area of the proposed mine will have long term negative effects on the environment and surrounding communities.

I also have concerns over the potential destruction of already struggling Chinook salmon populations within the watershed. An accident at the proposed mine would cause damage to salmon populations far outside of the area which the mine is proposed.

Please deny this project from moving forward in order to protect our ecosystem, environment and wild places for generations to come.