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Comments: As an environmental engineer, public land owner, and recreationalist, I believe the proposed mining activities in the Stibnite project are inappropriate for this area. Cyanide leaching of gold has led to numerous intractable surface and groundwater issues in my home state of Montana, and any proposal including this sort of gold extraction should be categorically excluded from consideration. Although I appreciate the opportunity for exploration and development of mineral resources and have consulted to mines professionally in my career, I do not believe that the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River are an area suitable for this kind of extraction. Proposals that use limited new mining, focus on reining and regrading existing disturbed areas, acknowledge the sensitive water resources of the area, and are sufficiently bonded should have priority for consideration by the Forest Service. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.