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Comments: To whom it may concern,

The decision to continue with the Stibnite Mine & Perpetua Resources project is undoubtedly a decision based in economic growth and the money to be made. Why do we value that economic development more than the water and land and ecosystems and food chains that exist in the space the open pit mine would inhibit, the roads that would be required to truck in and out product and workers? Why has no one considered that without biodiversity and trees and water there will be no one left to run the mine or drive the trucks? The salmon river is an economic driver for the local communities that if protected and well taken care of could never end, and provide for generations to come. What happens when the participating companies decide there is no money left to be made in the mines? What happens to the jobs they claim to bring to the area? They leave. You can look across the country and see this is simply the truth. As a masters student at Montana State University studying water and energy justice and a woman who was raised in the heart of not only natural gas and fracking country in Pennsylvania, but coal country as well, I beg of you to learn from the mistakes made before you and do not put short sighted economic value before what truly drives the country and keeps people alive.