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Comments: I am expressing my objection to the Stibnite Gold Project as currently conceived. The proposed open pit cyanide leach mine would be located east of Cascade and McCall, in the headwaters of the East Fork South Fork Salmon River and threatens unacceptable impacts to fisheries, wildlife, and water quality. Along with significant transportation impacts to roadless and wilderness areas: 15 miles of new road through Inventoried Roadless Areas and for a mile along the border of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness; the Stibnite Gold Project would significantly alter the upper East Fork South Fork Salmon watershed and impact sensitive species.

While Perpetua Resources a commercial mining company, portrays the project as a "restoration" opportunity, the SDEIS discloses the mine will actually degrade habitat for important bull trout species, putting them at further risk of extinction. Idaho Conservation League Public Lands Director, John Robison has summarized these science-based risks which should be reviewed before the project proceeds further.

As a backpacker who deeply cares for the retention of our wild lands and has hiked the beautiful and wild River of No Return Wilderness, I believe this area should remain fully-protected and not subject to such corporate mining development that does not adequately address these major environmental impacts on such protected lands.

- Christine Zomorodian