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Comments: As a resident of Valley County, I do not support the Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County due to adverse environmental impacts that will affect the lands, waters and fish and wildlife for decades to come. The development of the Stibnite Gold Project would significantly alter the upper East Fork South Fork Salmon watershed (one of the pits would be 720 feet below the river bed before it is backfilled with waste rock) and any discharges or spills involving hazardous materials would severely affect the environment and economic health of West Central Idaho and Valley County. The SDEIS discloses the mine will actually degrade habitat for important species bull trout instead of restoring it. Migrating salmon in the Southfork of the Salmon River will also suffer. That is two endangered species affected by this project. In addition the preferred alternative includes significant new road construction through sensitive roadless area. The Stibnite Gold Project remains exactly as it sounds: a flawed open pit cyanide leach gold mine in a highly sensitive area. I urge the USFS to reconsider and adopt a no action alternative and proceed only to clean-up and restoration of the existing site.

Specifically the salmon in the southfork (an endangered species) will be affected by rerouting of the channel as well as silt deposits and potential hazardous contamination.