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Comments: I wish to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the proposed Stibnite Gold Project (SGP) in the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed.

I am opposed to this project! I have had the opportunity to float the South Fork of the Salmon over 40 times during the past 30 years. This wilderness river corridor is a gem that should be preserved. There are few places like this left in the lower 48. Every effort should be made to support its clean waters and pristine wilderness habitats.

As a Ph.D. fisheries biologist I am very concerned about the impacts to Chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Millions of tons of material laden with heavy metal and acid-generating materials will be disturbed and potentially contaminate the watershed. Wetlands around this project will be contaminated and the landscape will be degraded for decades.

Mining of certain essential minerals is going to be necessary for the future of our country to support certain new technologies, like electric vehicles. Gold is not one of these minerals. The South Fork Salmon is a valuable public resource that should not be sacrificed for the profits of a private corporation.