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Comments: I submitted another letter about the proposed project disrespecting our Salmon, Trout and the work done to restore Meadow Creek. This letter is about other parts of the project that violate the dignity of our people and land:

At the project open house on December 9th, the fish and aquatic species expert, Stephanie, told me about a spill of greywater from drilling that has already happened at Stibnite. Spilling will happen again. This project is too complicated to guarantee it won't happen. Even if the people of the Forest Service and perpetua resources commit to cleaning these spills, it does not mean they have the ability to fix it. When chemicals are spilled into soil and water, it is not contained to the spill location. It moves down through the soil, through the water, touching wildlife and vegetation. This project proposes to be on top of a main tributary to the Salmon River. Water mixes with any liquid that goes into the water. And this water flows to the Snake River, Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. It alters the environment and kills life no matter how much is cleaned up. Are the people of the Forest Service and perpetua resources willing to allow more harm to this land and Wildlife?

Along this same question, the preferred alternative proposes both routes to be taken along Johnson Creek and Burntlog Creek. "The Burntlog Route crosses 37 streams and includes 9 total miles that are within 0.5 mile of surface water resources. The Johnson Creek Route crosses 43 different streams and includes 27 miles that are within 0.5 mile of surface water resources, including several miles which parallel the fish-bearing East Fork SFSR and Johnson Creek waterways." (page ES-14) Are the people of the Forest Service willing to allow harm to these creeks and the areas around them?

What routes will the transport vehicles take outside of the project boundary? Will they go through Boise? Lewiston? I live in Boise and do not want more cars driving through the Treasure Valley. We already have poor air quality and excessive traffic, and adding large transport vehicles will make it worse.

For the mine site operations, there are no alternatives. Why have other options not been explored to minimize destruction to the water, fish, vegetation and wildlife?

The SGP is not compliant with the Clean Water Act, General Mining Law of 1872, the Endangered Species Act or the Nez Perce Tribe Treaty of 1863. What gives the right for the preferred alternative to be approved when it violates these agreements?

How will pollution to Air be contained? This project neighbors the Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness. Wind will carry pollution to areas outside of the project boundary. Are the people of the Forest Service willing to allow harm to the Frank Church - River of No Return Wilderness?

The proposed stibnite gold project disrespects the work that many have given to protect wildlife, water, soil and forests. The Forest Service has the ability to deny perpetua resources' proposal to mine. Choose the no action alternative and allow the restoration work that has been happening for 40 years to continue.