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Comments: Dear Members of the U. S. Forest Service:

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Stibnite Mine proposal. I am opposed to this project for the following reasons:

*The South Fork of the Salmon is a unique and treasured river for Idahoans and wildlife. Half of the proposal would be in untouched, pristine land.

*The large potential for harm to Salmon and citizens should poison leach into the water. Past history shows this is much more likely than not and reviews show the high probability of water contamination.

*The past track record of mining companies where Idaho citizens pay for clean-up and restoration. Is there a significant banking of money NOW to pay for future damages?

*While mining a needed product antimony is part of the project, the main and profitable target is gold. Please don't be misled, this company is all about profit.

Yes, Idaho has a long history of mining. However, history tells us that Idaho has sustained considerable damage due to mining. Hopefully, we are learning from history and strive to protect our Idaho citizens and the few remaining beautiful untouched Idaho places.

I oppose the Stibnite Mine Project.

Thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Belknap