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Comments: I am an angler, kayaker, and guide. These are the things that define me. They all require a pristine natural environment. One of my favorite places to go kayaking and fishing is the South Fork of the Salmon River. I have memories of high water thrills in my kayak, but also of good fishing and hot spring adventures. I remember taking a snorkel to the South Fork and seeing Chinook and Steelhead Parr swimming around with Westslope Cutthroat - and a big Bull Trout lurking far below. This is an incredible river. My wife and I recently bought a house in Salmon, Idaho and hope to show our kids all of the Salmon River's incredible stretches and forks, including the South Fork. ANY risk to its water quality and viability as a functioning natural river system is unacceptable, especially in an age where wild watersheds and wilderness areas are few and far between.

I have followed the Stibnite Project for years. Despite some of the changes that have been made to the plan, it remains an expansion of the mine's footprint and a risk to water quality. The area is home to lots of big game, which surely wouldn't stick around with a tenfold increase in big truck traffic, dust, and noise. The RISK IS TOO HIGH. Midas Gold changed names to Perpetua to seem more closely aligned with Idaho - tactics. Idaho has a tradition of setting lands aside as wilderness. Please do not let this tradition fall to the wayside for a for profit company rooted in an industry full of broken promises.

Please, leave the South Fork of the Salmon alone for future generations of fish and people to enjoy.