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Comments: Several years ago I hiked from near Warm Lake to the Salmon river and back, experiencing the beauty and observing some of the past impacts of mining activity in the area. Idaho is fortunate to have such expansive areas of natural beauty and that is why I live here.

According to the analysis, this project to re-establish an open pit mine in this area would have substantial impacts on wilderness, wildlife water quality and fisheries. I appreciate the fact that the mining company has proposed some changes from their original proposal to theoretically decrease these impacts. However, based on repeated past historical impacts and the long time table presented for healing the new scars I believe that this proposal is inaccurate.

The proposed impacts on bull trout, wolverines, the already crowded SH 55 are all unacceptable. The remedies for restoring the property with a 100 year timeline would likely result in continuing and permanent degradation of these forest resources. Please go back to the drawing board and develop additional alternatives and design features to minimize the impacts to wilderness, wildlife, water quality and fisheries. Air quality monitoring next to the site and along the public access road to Thunder Mountain is also necessary to prevent impacts on this shared resource.

Although this area has been impacted by historical mining, we do not need a new mine to restore it. I oppose allowing the Stibnite Gold Project to proceed as proposed because it will cause irreversible harm to water quality, wildlife, public health, and a sustainable outdoor recreation-based economy and pollute the area for generations to come. This project needs to be significantly revised or stopped.