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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

I am grateful to be able to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP) to you, who I'm guessing also cares very much about the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed. Honestly, I cannot imagine what it must feel like to be in charge of making such an important decision. I'm hoping you also see that this project would incur unacceptable risks to both the Chinook salmon and bull trout, would negatively impact all forms of recreation within the area, and, maybe worst of all, harms treaty reserved rights and interests of the Indigenous peoples of the area. To be in charge of this decision is big! Thank you for taking the time to hear out our comments and representing us, fellow Americans who cherish this area, in the final decision.

As I mentioned earlier, the SGP will negatively impact Chinook salmon and bull trout. Given the billions of dollars spent on Snake River salmon recovery, this project represents a severe risk and flies in the face of this investment and effort to restore these species to a sustainable population. Stream temperatures are predicted to be elevated for up to 100 years within the mine site boundary (yikes!!) and the habitat for these sensitive species will be for the worse, not better, as a result of this project. Is this the world we want to build for future generations? Heck no!

As proposed, this project would also result in the loss of over 120 acres of high-functioning wetlands. Come on now! In this day and age we do not need anything else that would impact water quality for us or for other species in our food chain.

And don't get me started on the bold face lie that that SGP is a 'restoration' project. I am highly certain you are not going to let them pull this one on you. It is obviously an industrial mine that will ravage the landscape leaving over 120 million tons of toxic mine tailings above previously undisturbed wetland habitat. We do not want this anywhere near our cherished recreation areas or the local communities. I feel like I should be able to stop here but I'll keep going.

The effects of science backed climate change will further exacerbate the impacts the SGP on the environment, which we've noticed were inadequately incorporated into the SDEIS. Seems like they are trying to hide something, which should be a red flag and not be someone the government wants to work with. It seems highly suspicious that the compounding impacts of a warming climate were not taken into consideration when predicting stream temperatures or other environmental impacts that are intrinsically linked to the climate. Furthermore, why were no risk analyses completed on local communities if a hazardous spill were to occur? Yikes, these are probably people you know, families, friends, acquaintances. Probably includes KIDS! I feel certain the potential exposure of a hazardous spill is much larger than the SDEIS portrays and must be addressed by the Forest Service. Do we want that on our consciences?

Another important point is how this goes against rules established under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA). The project itself is located at the headwaters of the suitable South Salmon River, which feeds directly into the designated Main Salmon River. However, the scope of analysis does not include any potential impacts that extend downstream (seriously?! Basically science 101 here that water flows downstream) of the site boundary to review these sections of river. Additionally, Johnson Creek and Burntlog Creek, both eligible under the WSRA, will both face degradation and risk of a catastrophic toxic spill if this project moves forward.

Recreation, in any form and which I participate and hopefully you do too, within the general area of the mine will

be negatively impacted. The analysis of impacts on recreation is arbitrarily limited to a 5-mile radius from major mine features and does not include any discussion of traffic displaced to the South Salmon Road and Lick Creek Road that will logically result from this project.

Finally, the SGP will go against the treaty-reserved rights of the Nez Perce and other indigenous peoples of Idaho. The SDEIS clearly states that "Adverse impacts to tribal rights and interests under either alternative, including preventing access to traditional lands, harming traditional fishing and hunting rights, impacting endangered salmon and concerns that it would harm the tribe's salmon restoration efforts". Let us be people of our word and honor the treaty as originally stated.

For all of these reasons, I beg you and the Forest Service to vote NO and reject the Stibnite mine. We should be making decisions that protect the Salmon River watershed, local communities, and the surround wildlife. Please, do not let a business overstep and ruin such a beautiful area under your leadership. I trust you will do the right thing on our behalf. Thank you for your time.