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As a tax paying, voting, born and raised citizen of the United States and as a frequent traveler in the mountains and down the rivers of Idaho, I am here to completely object to the Stibnite gold mine project in the South Fork of the Salmon River basin in Idaho.

These waters are home to Salmon and provide natal waters for their beginning and closing of their life cycle.

Gold mining inherently toxifies the soils and waters where it works. These natal waters cannot tolerate this toxic load nor the risk of a spill.

There is no spill protocol or prevention method that is solid enough to 100% protect this river and these fish. So do not approve of this project. The trade off is not with the loss of clean water and salmon.

Further, the salmon species of these waters are already endangered and are teetering on extinction because of other human factors. This project will be a headlock that chokes off the final life of this species.

These are also my rivers and fish and mountains. Do not mess with them. Do not approve this Stibnite project.

Thank you Sam Carter