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Comments: To: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor

I'm writing to express my concerns with the proposed Stibnite Gold Project' significant impacts on recreation in the project area and areas surrounding the project area. As a resident of McCall who enjoys backcountry skiing and pack rafting, I feel the impact of this project on recreation activities outweighs any benefits of the proposed project.

The public lands and waterways in, near, and along the access routes of either alternative for the Stibnite Gold Project and areas beyond the analysis area, are of immense value to me as a person who enjoys pack rafting. I have pack rafted a section of the South Fork of the Salmon river downstream of the proposed mine site and I found it to be of extremely high quality.

The area of analysis for this project extends five miles from any major Stibnite Gold Project feature. This analysis area is too narrow in scope and misses numerous trailheads, access points, and campgrounds that will be impacted by either action alternative presented in the SDEIS.

The SDEIS also fails to incorporate any sort of downstream analysis. The South Fork Salmon River, while being a premier recreational destination in itself, feeds directly into the Wild and Scenic Main Salmon River. Any negative impacts to water quality as a result of the Stibnite Gold Project stand to influence the vast number of kayakers and rafters who float this stretch of the river annually.

This is why I urge you to not approve the mine. Please select the No-Action alternative and save this area for future generations who enjoy outdoor recreation.

Sincerely,  
Alex Brun