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Comments: Hello,

I would like to submit my opposition to the proposed Stibnite Mine Project. I grew up in a nearby town, and believe the proximity and wilderness characteristics of the area provide an unparalleled wildlife and recreation opportunity, not found anywhere else in the Lower 48. Additionally, the risk to wildlife, downstream communities, and local communities vastly outweighs the need for a resource primarily used for jewelry and non-essential purposes.

Further, I would request an additional 45 days of public comment period to provide everyone possibly effected time to provide feedback.

There are a number of problems or negative impacts with the project, but I will hit on a few high level ones below:

- The risk to critical spawning grounds for chinook salmon and bull trout are large. Large-scale mining has a horrible long term safety record, and a spill or leaking of any tailings would be disastrous for the ecology of South Fork and Main Salmon rivers.
- The number of proposed vehicles traveling on challenging roads, and through small local communities would be excessive, and cause large amounts of road wear, noise, pollution, and risk of accidents.
- The loss of recreation opportunities within the area while the project is underway is a large loss to locals and would further remove this area as a place to enjoy for the public at large.
- The loss of tribal/indigenous access and rights would violate access granted by treaty. A private company should not be able to violate a governmental guaranteed right for native groups.
- Impacts to world class whitewater and fishing would persist long past the life of the mine, and would create lasting impacts and loss of enjoyment for generations to come.

In short, this area and river corridor hold much more value for the animal and human inhabitants than it could ever produce from a mine. The risks of adverse effects that can not be undone are too large, and the Forest Service should not allow it to proceed.

Thank you.