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Comments: Below I highlight some of my concerns regarding the Stibnite Mine.

I am concerned about the quality of life that is present within and because of the Payette National Forest. It is no accident that the Frank Church Wilderness Area has been set aside to maintain a portion of natural wilderness in the lower 48 states. It took fore site to set this area aside for future generations, and it would be a shame to jeopardize this area by allowing the resurrection of a mine of this magnitude. The watershed and fresh water in this area should be considered as the most precious resource that we have in this area. And although there has yet to be a monetary value placed on fresh water, the time is coming where this resource will be a premium and more important than any metal we could pull from this earth, for without it there will be no life. The seismology of the area alone should tell us that nothing there is stable and pools of toxic sludge can not be guaranteed to hold the test of time. And finally the history of these mining companies to go bankrupt just before the restoration phase is to actually take place can be tracked all over this globe. They pull the same shell game all over this globe, and we've already seen "Midas Gold" change names and ownership numerous times, that to think they won't do it again right at the end would be a grave mistake.

I ask you to Do not approve the mine and to take the No-Action Alternative. The Payette National Forest needs to protect itself from the impacts of this mine. Recognize that the SDEIS is deficient in it's entirety and can not be used as a basis by the USFS to make it's decision for this mine to move forward.

With a global climate crisis in front of us the USFS must recognize and protect our natural resources for the future of our species.

Sincerely,

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