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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), proposed at the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed.

As proposed, this project represents unacceptable risks to Chinook salmon and bull trout. Given the billions spent on Snake River salmon recovery, the SGP flies in the face of the effort to restore these species to a sustainable population.

Although Perpetua prefers to present the SGP as a 'restoration' project, it is a massive industrial mine that will leave the landscape unrecognizable and degraded for lifetimes to come through the creation of three open pits, the permanent storage of over 120 million tons of toxic mine tailings above previously undisturbed wetland habitat, and an expanded footprint that more than doubles the previous disturbance of the Stibnite mining district.

All in all, it's a terrible idea with nothing but greed at the heart of it. It's the same old story: in the process of creating wealth for a privileged few, the project will poison the landscape for generations to come, negatively impacting 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".

I urge the Forest Service to consider the legacy that you are creating for future generations of people and wildlife. It's a heavy responsibility and yet the power is in your hands. I urge you to think big and to consider the health of the greater ecosystem and to reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan.

Sincerely

Tim Andreae