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Comments: Hello Forest Service,

I am submitting these comments regarding the permitting of the Stibnite Gold project.

Mining for precious metals is never pretty, but this instance would appear to be an egregious affront to the public lands and resources you are directed to manage.

Most obviously, current analysis does not recognize climate change as a factor in planning for water, air, and forest management. Ignoring this growing, significant natural force will not make it go away.

I have traveled highway 55 many times south of McCall. It is a reasonably well engineered road, but I am always surprised by the amount of traffic moving on it. You'd think this two lane road stretching through fairly lonely country would be less traveled, but it is presently busy enough to require close attention at almost all times. Adding thousands of heavy truckloads-- yearly-- will make this an unpleasant route at best, and much less safe. The incidental migration of arsenic and other waste that results will damage the health and property of those living along the way.

Air quality and the habitat of threatened fish will also unavoidably suffer under the proposed plan. Bull trout need measures to protect and improve their habitat now, without further degradation from this mining project and a long time horizon for restoration.

Our society needs precious minerals, but not at this steep cost. Please do your part to see this project is better planned than the current proposal.