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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), proposed at the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed. As it is currently proposed, I am deeply concerned about the project's impacts on this culturally and environmentally rich area, and the wildlife who inhabit it.

The proposed plan would not be a "restoration" project, as it is presented. At its core, the mine would destroy critical acres of high-functioning wetlands, and have adverse effects on bull trout and Chinook salmon. This is a cruel project to species who are already struggling to survive.

I want my niece and her future family to be able to explore these beautiful areas like I had the opportunity to growing up. These lands are a cornerstone to Idahoans' identities, and we would be wrong to put them at the whim of a profit-grabbing company.

Indigenous peoples reserved rights in this area for cultural and ceremonial practices. The mine project falls within the traditional hunting, fishing and foraging grounds of the Nez Perce people to which they have Treaty rights. This space holds significance since time immemorial. There is no profit that can replace these rich, inherent values of the land and its connection to people, wildlife, and place.

I urge the Forest Service to reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan and protect the Salmon River. Thank you.