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Comments: I am opposed expansion of the Stibnite mining project in this area of Idaho. The Southfork Salmon River area is highly valuable in terms of the watershed, the scenery and the recreational opportunities. Residents, recreationists, farmers, ranchers and other businesses will be negatively impacted for years to come if this mine is approved for operation.

Cyanide leach Mining has been banned in neighboring Montana for good reason. It is highly destructive to not only the land upon which they operate, but there is absolutely no guarantee that accidents, leaching and introduction of harmful tailings and minerals will be further released into the nearby streams, rivers and groundwater.

The most immediate threat is transportation of hazardous materials over roads leading through small towns like McCall. Spills will bring contamination far from the mining site that taxpayers will ultimately pay the price for. Air quality- how will the Forest Service monitor in Real-time, the air quality that will be impacted by air-borne arsenic and other harmful minerals?

Fish- our fish are increasingly threatened by changes in weather, climate, and increased development. Expanded mining could push some species to the brink of extinction in this area of the Salmon river. It is the USFS responsibility to provide a Supplemental Analysis to account for Climate change- effects of drought on the water supply surface & proundwater and the increased traffic which will also add pollution to the mountain air.

Please respect the taxpayers, the public, and the visitor and residents and make further changes to this proposal to make it safer for the land, wildlife and people of Idaho.