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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

I was born and raised in Idaho. Despite having traveled and lived in other beautiful places around the world, I chose to come back to Idaho. If there is one thing I love about Idaho that nowhere else can compete with, it's our rivers. Rivers like the South Fork Salmon are what make Idaho special. This watershed offers critical habitat to salmon species, unique recreational opportunities, and land rights to Indigenous peoples that have been wronged too many times already.

The Stibnite Gold Project poses far more harm than good for the people and ecosystems existing in Idaho. It threatens the massive efforts that have been put into Snake River salmon recovery. Stream temperatures are predicted to be elevated for up to 100 years within the mine site boundary and the habitat for these sensitive species will be for the worse, not better, as a result of this project.

As proposed, this project will result in the loss of over 120 acres of high-functioning wetlands. It will negatively impact the general water quality of streams found within the site from additional sedimentation and the potential release of additional contaminants mobilized by mining and construction.

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.

I could go on and on about why SGP is so terrifying to so many of us. I urge you to consider those that do not have a voice to defend themselves--all of the species, small and large, that inhabit the ecosystems that will be affected by this. I urge the Forest Service to protect the Salmon River watershed and reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.