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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

Thank you for allowing this public comment period about the proposed Stibnite mine.

Once again valuable natural resources that lie on the border of protected lands are being sought after. While mining is a necessity for this world we live in, not all mines are created equal, nor do they all have the same environmental and economic implications. Open pit gold mines in general have a horrible track record for environmental impact and gold isn't a critical material for the manufacturing needs of America. Why is this mine any different? The short term profits of the few aren't worth the long term impact on the headwaters of a massive and already strained river system.

Protecting the fragile and critical spawning grounds of a keystone species in the region should outweigh profits. Spawning grounds of a native fish species on the brink of extinction is not the place to try out an experimental fish tunnel.

Beyond an almost certain negative environmental impact on the area, the mine will infringe upon treaty rights of the Nez Perce. Is it right to continue the long and painful history of American institutions trampling on their promises to the Native people in this country?

For these reasons and many more, please reject the Stibnite Mine Proposal.

Thanks for your consideration,

Alex Mager