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Comments: I, Nina Trainor, feel that the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), SDEIS, should not be authorized based on the following concerns. (My husband, Pat Trainor has first-hand knowledge based on more than 17 years of onsite environmental engineering, legal proceedings, rehab and clean up for the site.)

- 1.The proximity of protected areas such as Burnt Log Road within the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness, Inventoried Roadless Areas, and Johnson Creek Rd. would be compromised.
2. The purposed site is critical habitat for several listed ESA species such as: chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout. Any disturbed areas would negatively impact water quality for fisheries and macro-invertebrates both on site and downstream. The SDEIS does not adequately address the long-term water quality.
- 3.I have concerns that using an untested full-scale fish tunnel should not be approved.
- 4.Elevated stream temperatures would cause degrading conditions for fish and riparian life.
- 5.Water quality deterioration due to sedimentation from mining activities would release heavy metals, compromising surface water resources and groundwater chemistry.
- 6.Wetlands and riparian zones would likely suffer or be displaced with millions of pounds of mine waste, restricting an opportunity to reclaim later. (Innocent bystanders or wandering people or wildlife could be contaminated with contact.)
- 7.Recreation (hunting, fishing, scouting and youth adventure groups, whitewater sports, cycling, x-country skiing, camping, scouting, hiking, birding, mushrooming, horseback riding and wildlife appreciation) would be negatively impacted.
- 8.The increase in traffic for roads such as (South Fork Salmon Rd, Lick Creek Rd. and such could be an endangerment for vehicles. I agree that another route away from live streams should be utilized.
- 9.Water quality degradation would impact private boats as well as outfitters and commercial boating.
- 10.Downstream and adjacent wild and scenic rivers could be affected by the construction, building, operations and more contaminating and polluting the region.
- 11.Wildlife habitat impacted and displaced could hasten further extinctions.
- 12.Climate change will be exacerbated with increased temperatures causing soil, air, water, groundwater and possible spread of disease impacting the overall health of the region.
- 13.The temporary boon in jobs and the economy would be "short-lived" as once the natural resources are harvested, Perpetua and influencers would leave, impacting the local schools, some housing and viable, sustained employment.
- 14.The first stewards of the land, the indigenous tribes of Idaho in the region could once again feel the loss of tribal rights and livelihood, where the government has once again, failed to honor treaty rights. Their traditional hunting, fishing, spiritual and gathering customs would be compromised. The forest service should work with

fidelity in partnership with indigenous tribes to protect the environment.

In summary, the forest service should not allow this project to move forward. The negative impacts could not be easily reversed and the risk does not justify the greed for gold and riches. Antimony is important but may not be extracted to the degree that Perpetua would like citizens to realize. It is still there as a possible resource in the future. ~ Nina Trainor ~