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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Linda Jackson,

As an individual who values the public lands and rivers of Idaho, I am writing to express my opposition to, and to ask the Forest Service not to approve the Stibnite Gold Project. I am not writing to represent a "special interest group," I am writing as a concerned citizen and stakeholder who utilizes these public lands in their current undiminished state, lands for which I am an owner of and for which the Forest Service is directed to manage in the public interest. The rivers of the South Fork Salmon watershed contain world class whitewater that paddlers from across the country and the world travel to Idaho to visit. The South Fork Salmon watershed is also home to some of the most pristine fish spawning habitat in the country, which the water quality of I understand is protected on these Tribal fishing grounds.

The SDEIS clearly states that this mining project would adversely affect federally listed endangered fish species, their treaty protected habitat, and the watershed's water quality and quantity. It is incredibly important to me personally that the Forest Service protect the outstanding water quality of this eligible and suitable as Wild and Scenic major tributary to the Wild and Scenic designated Salmon River. This river system is vitally important for native and endangered fish, outdoor recreation, and the economic vitality of the local communities that surround it. Moving forward with this project would not only adversely impact my personal enjoyment of this public resource through whitewater paddling, camping and fishing, it would negatively impact the Nez Perce Tribe and all of the people of Idaho who rely on the hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to our National Forests.

The South Fork Salmon River is finally healing from the scars of past mining activity, and the impacts of expanded mining activity represents an unacceptable risk to this watershed. Thank you for your consideration.