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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

I am commenting on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), proposed at the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed. The Stibnite Project is irreparably inconsistent with the crucial watershed protection needs of Idaho's people for clean water, wild salmon, bull trout and wildlife.

The history of disastrous mis-management by the USDA Forest Service, including road-building, logging and mining in the East Fork of the South Fork and the South Fork Salmon River drainage, has only been made worse by warming temperatures, loss of soil moisture and catastrophic fires. The Forest Service's priority for this entire watershed should be soil stabilization, reforestation and stream restoration. The Forest Service's approval of the Stibnite project - with any proposed mitigation measures - would violate the public trust given the agency by the American people to manage these lands in accordance with professional land management standards.

If the USDA Forest Service approves the Stibnite proposal, it would be recognizing its own failures as an agency to protect public lands.

I ask that the agency consider an alternative proposal to relinquish management authority for the Stibnite project site to the Nez Perce Tribal Council and transfer management of this decision to the tribe.

I urge the Forest Service to protect the Salmon River watershed and reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan.