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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest,

I have lived in Valley County for over 40 years. I have camped, fished, hiked, kayaked and recreated with my friends and family in the South Fork Salmon drainage many times. I am deeply concerned about the impacts of the Stibnite mine project and believe the current SDEIS does not adequately address these issues.

1) the project will have major negative impacts on wildlife, the SDEIS concludes that new road construction, increased traffic, air, light and noise pollution will occur. Habitat fragmentation in particular for the wolverine was not adequately addressed. More studies are needed for all of the wildlife species in the area.

2)The SDEIS states that water temperatures will increase and fish will be harmfully impacted. The proposed tunnel to move fish is not tested and in no certainty of being successful. In addition riparian zones will not recover to provide enough shading or cooling to benefit surviving fish.
More studies are needed.

3) The current traffic studies fail to take into consideration any impact along hwy 55, the main corridor for Valley County. (Or hwy 95). Potential of hazardous spills, congestion, air quality, noise, change of traffic patterns, this has not been adequately addressed.

I strongly support the No Action Option regarding the project and hope my family and friends can continue to enjoy the South Fork Salmon , undisturbed and pristine.

Thank you