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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I'm writing as a concerned Idaho citizen to comment on the stibnite mine. This river is an incredible resource and I fear that it will continue to suffer the travesties that have/will come along with yet another gold rush, this time, with a substantial expansion. As we know, gold is primarily used for jewellery and bullion outside of the US, a comment made directly by this mining companies administration. There is little/no service that it provides to the people of Idaho once it leaves our public lands. However, we are burdened with the scarred landscape and degraded ecosystem for centuries to come. The value of our Idaho public lands is greater than this project could ever justify. As a hunter and recreationist both on trail around the area and on the waters of the EFSS and SF salmon during the spring and summer I know the non-dollar values that this land can provide to Idahoans. Doves of public land users feel the same and use this land with reverence year round. The proposed Stibnite mine will surely continue to degrade this gem that is found in our home state. I would like to request an extension to the comment period on this project and allow for more accurate information to be gathered concerning the impacts of such a mine expansion. Speaking with multiple miners outside the state of Idaho, if approved, a large contingency of workers from outside the state plan to seek and profit from employment in the headwaters of the South Fork. This company is not Idaho owned, but merely a subsidiary of foreign companies looking to profit off places they see as being rich in resources and poor in moral fiber. This mine is steeped in more issues than can be touched upon by one citizens letter, which is a sign that the "non-action alternative" is the correct path forward. Thank you for making the right choice for future Idahoans moving forward.