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Comments: Dear USFS Offical,

I write you regarding you upcoming decision on the Stibnite mine just outside of Yellowpine-- I am adamantly against this mining project. As a new resident of the state of Idaho, I initially felt my opinion was not warranted. However, as I reflected I came to a different conclusion. I work as an outdoor and science educator at a small school in Cascade, Idaho. It is places like the Salmon River corridor, and the Easter Range of the Salmon River Mountains that serve as both my place of work and where I connect youth with the beautiful landscape that comprises those areas. This proposed mine is an immediate threat to both my livelihood, and the very aspects that make my job important and meaningful.

Furthermore, we are in a time where the most important components of our natural resources are those maintained by a healthy, biodiverse ecosystem. As mentioned in the DEIS, this projects threatens water quality, flora, fauna and additional important components found in this ecosystem. The combination of biotic and abiotic pieces of this ecosystem system will continue to serve Idaho human communities with clean water, recreation opportunities, carbon sequestration, genetic pools and more. These are more valuable than gold or the profit generated by it.

Please deny the request to mine this region. It is far to valuable to risk.

Thank you,
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