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Comments: As an Idaho Native and Warm Lake cabin owner, I have been recreating in the Warm Lake, Johnson Creek, South Fork Salmon River, Landmark, Frank Church Wilderness and Yellowpine area for over 50 years. The majority of our time is spent exploring the trails and secluded roads by foot or bicycle. We love the peace, solitude, natural beauty and wildlife viewing these areas provide.

We remain opposed to the Stibnite Gold Mine Project as it will cause irreversible damage to air quality, water quantity and quality, public health, wildlife, fisheries and recreation. No "restoration plans" will adequately mitigate the damage the mine will cause. It is not good stewardship of our public lands, waterways and wildlife to believe the only option is for this project to go forward.

The revised SDEIS does not adequately address the following:

**Air Quality:** Further studies and mitigation requirements are needed to reduce/eliminate the significant increase in hazardous, toxic and dust pollutants.

**Water Quality and Quantity:** Increased water temperatures, heavy metal contamination, decreased water flows in streams, decreased recharge and contamination of ground water from construction and mine activities are unacceptable as reported in the EIS. There also remains a high probability of a catastrophic contamination event both inside and outside the mine site.

**Wetlands and Riparian Areas:** There will be a direct loss or damage to existing wetlands and riparian areas both within and outside the mine site. Even after proposed restoration these sites will not return.

**Fisheries:** It is unacceptable that this project is likely to permanently damage habitat for salmon, bull and cutthroat trout. Bull trout are highly sensitive to water temperature and with the proposed 100 year time frame to restore vegetation to restore water temperatures it is unlikely Bull trout will ever recover.

**Wildlife:** Wildlife will be negatively impacted by construction, noise, increased traffic and especially by fragmentation and damage to the ecosystems that exist in the inventoried roadless area. Wolverines and Canada Lynx are sensitive species for endangered species listing. This project especially the 15 miles of road construction on Burnt Log Road will put them at greater risk as well as all the other wildlife species that make this area their home.

**Recreation:** There has been an oversight in evaluating the effect this project will have on recreation from Cascade, Warm Lake, South Fork River, throughout the Johnson Creek and Burnt Log areas as well as the Frank Church Wilderness. Throughout the full scope of this project there will be a loss of or negative impacts to currently available trailheads, access points, campgrounds, hiking, boating, fishing and wildlife viewing.

**Transportation:** Again there has been an oversight in studying the effects 50-65 heavy vehicle trips per day, 3150 hazardous material vehicle trips annually will have. The Warm Lake road over Big Creek and Warm Lake Summit are dangerous roads with minimal pullouts, inadequate guardrails and no "escape" routes. A hazardous waste spill could contaminate Warm Lake and its surrounding waterways. The EIS also does not address highway 55 or other highways used for transport of toxic, hazardous chemicals. Allowing new road construction in an inventoried roadless area, directly adjacent to a Wilderness area should never have been considered an option let alone the preferred one.

The negatives of this project far outweigh any positive and will negatively impact the area for generations to

come.