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Comments: Dear Forest Service Employees,

RE: Public Comment on the SDEIS -proposed Stibnite Gold Project January 9, 2023

This letter contains my comments regarding the Stibnite Mine Project's (SGP) Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

I have lived in McCall for 45 years. I have visited the Stibnite and the Thunder Mountain mining areas and have hiked, fished, camped, rafted, worked and toured the watersheds of the Salmon and Payette rivers. I love the South Fork of the Salmon River.

My primary concerns are the further environmental degradation and complete destruction that will occur if this mine proceeds as requested by the SGP.

The SGP "restoration" plan is not feasible and the SDEIS makes that clear with its discussion of the lack of soil and the effects of climate change.

Water quality repair cannot be pushed 40 years or more into the future.

Threatened fish species need to be restored immediately not later.

New roads threaten protected animals and should not be considered.

Climate change cannot be set aside and needs to be treated as a primary threat to this area and the planet.

We cannot afford the time, energy and resources, as a people and a planet, to fight about these useless, unnecessary ventures to create more hoarded wealth for a few while causing devastating social and ecological harm here and across the globe.

Please, Don't approve this mine! Pick the No-Action alternative.

Thank you,
Galen Shaver