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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), proposed at the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed. As this project is proposed, it represents an unacceptable level of risk to the natural environment in the region it will affect. Specifically threatening already endangered fish (Chinook Salmon and Bull Trout) that come to the region to spawn.

The natural wonders of Idaho, and this region in particular, are one of Idaho's most valuable resources. This region already supports a thriving outdoor tourism economy. Not only is this economy currently thriving, but it is also projected to increase as outdoor sports become more accessible and popular across the state and the nation. This outdoor economy has a much larger forecasted timescale than mining extraction ever could, promising greater revenues for the region in the long run. The proposed mining operation and a thriving outdoor/tourism economy cannot cohabitate.

The major environmental impacts of the proposed projects that would likely impact the recreation economy would be stream temperature increase due to the activity, toxic tailings and accidental leakages, destruction of wetlands in the area, and increased traffic and road usage to transport equipment into the project site.

Beyond that this project jeopardizes the investment in restoring salmon activity in the Snake River. An investment that has been made by the state amounting to billions of dollars. By threatening the spawning grounds of the species, this project would put that investment in jeopardy.

Finally, this project is proposed to take place on the tribal lands of the Nez Pierce Native American Tribe. This project proposal would violate agreements that have been made with the tribe specifically harming the tribes fishing and hunting resources.

Due to the reasons highlighted above, I am strongly opposed to any proposed mining in the South Fork Salmon watershed. Please protect this beautiful place for generations of Idahoans to come. Thank you again.