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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

As an over 40 year resident of Idaho I feel strongly about protecting our natural resources for many (100's) of years looking forward. With that frame of reference, I have grave concerns about the Stibnite Gold Project proposed at the headwaters of the South Fork of the Salmon River watershed.

As proposed, this project represents unacceptable risks to Chinook salmon and bull trout, will negatively impact all forms of recreation within the area, and harms treaty reserved rights and interests of the Indigenous peoples of the area.

The SGP will have adverse effects on Chinook salmon and bull trout. Given the billions of dollars spent on Snake River salmon recovery, this project represents a severe risk and flies in the face of this investment and effort to restore these species to a sustainable population. Stream temperatures are predicted to be elevated for up to 100 years within the mine site boundary and the habitat for these sensitive species will be for the worse, not better, as a result of this project.

When the risks of habitat degradation, wetland habitat, watershed quality, toxic mine tailings, expanded footprint, transport of hazardous material, impact to recreation, and treaty reserved tribal rights are all considered, it makes little sense to allow this proposal to move forward.

For generations, families have enjoyed the wilderness which is downstream of this location and hundreds of small businesses have enjoyed an extensive economy that results from the health and well-being of the Salmon river corridor and it's tributaries.

For these reasons, I urge the Forest Service to protect the Salmon River watershed and reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan.

Thank you for listening.
Stay well,

Robert Noyes