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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

Thank you for this 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. The South Fork of the Salmon is one of the largest tributaries to the Main Salmon river. The South Fork of the Salmon's health is threatened by a proposed stibnite gold mine. This river is a critical habitat and spawning point for the endangered chinook salmon and bull trout. A stibnite gold mine would degrade the river's habitat and water quality permanently. Additionally, this project will result in the loss of over 120 acres of high-functioning wetlands. It will negatively impact the general water quality of streams found within the site from additional sedimentation and the potential release of additional contaminants mobilized by mining and construction.

I am a junior at the Sun Valley Community School in Idaho. I am an avid fly fisherman. Partaking in this hobby comes the great responsibility of being aware of the health of rivers and fish populations. I have floated the Middle Fork and Main Salmon. During these river trips I experienced a true connection to the outdoors and the beauty this watershed holds. These river trips were the most fond moments of my life. I am truly despaired that this mine will permanently degrade the untamed, beautiful river. I am only 16, I would love and hope to share the wisdom and happiness the river gave me to future generations and experience more critical life moments on the river. I believe this river is one of the most beautiful places on earth.

The South Fork of the Salmon is a river that we need to protect and preserve from the proposed Stibnite Gold Mine, in order to protect the richness of Idaho and The West's wilderness. I demand the Forest Service to protect the Salmon River watershed and reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding this email and how to move forward. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Carter Colgate