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I appreciate the Forest Service taking my comments on the SDEIS for the Stibnite Gold Project.

I know the upper reaches of the East Fk of the South Fk of the Salmon River as a kayaker and camper while in the region before heading down the South Fk and the Main Salmon. I have serious concerns about allowing Perpetua to do new mining for the Stibnite Gold Project for the following reasons:

The mine area is a head waters of this part of the Salmon river which flows all the way to the Pacific ocean and the fish in the area of the Stibnite Mine are already Endangered. This is habitat for spawning of Chinook Salmon. These fish are vital to all peoples (including the Tribes peoples) and animal survival all the way out to the ocean to where the Salmon migrate and hope to secure survival of the Pacific Orcas that depend on Salmon which are dwindling at alarming rates. Endangered Species status should always take precedence over development interests. We hope that the term "Forest Service" means service to include protection of Endangered Species over serving money making development concerns.

Please don't believe the term 'Plans of Restoration and Operations' for the Stibnite Project. Perpetua's goal is to mine in 3 open pit mines and they will be leaving permanent storage of over 120 million tons of toxic mine tailings above valuable East Fk and Meadow Creek wetlands.

It is naïve to believe a mining company will honor pledges for restoration. In fact when Perpetua - when they called themselves Midas Gold - the CEO declared that they were not responsible for pollution from former mining at the site in an article in the Lewiston Tribune - June 7, 2019.

The Forest Service should believe that whoever is in charge of this mining operation that they will "sneak" around oversight and they will avoid responsibility, not only for the immediate mining area, but also they will duck responsibility for damages that could affect the entire South Salmon River which spills into the Main Salmon, and also they will duck responsibility for accidents that could occur during the transport of dangerous materials on the way to and from the mine. . The name Perpetua should be understood to stand for "degradation in PERPETUITY!"

Please - US Forest Service - believe that Perpetua means that they are NOT responsible and they are only using marketing to make us think they will restore the site.