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Comments: Hello Forest Service,

I would like to request a 75-day extension to the Stibnite Gold Mine public comment period. A project this controversial should not be rushed through before the public has had proper time to educate themselves and comment on it. The Salmon River is an invaluable resource to Idaho and should not be put at risk for short term fiscal gain. I was raised in the Magic Valley and I took countless trips to the Salmon river and surrounding areas growing up. The wildness and purity of the proposed mining site is what makes it such a desirable place to visit. The salmon and steelhead that somehow traverse the heavily damned Columbia and Snake Rivers to arrive all the way to Idaho's beautiful Salmon River deserve their home waters to remain clean. I hope that you take my comment into consideration and extend the period of comment. Furthermore, with or without an extension, this mine should not be allowed. The future generations of Idaho will benefit far more from an untainted river system, than from the temporary minerals you plan to extract.

Sincerely,

Aaron Eckrote