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Comments: I'm writing to stop the Stibnite mine in Idaho. There are significant issues of immediate concern:

- 1) increased risk of heavy metal contamination
- 2) stream temperature increases
- 3) general loss of critical ecosystem function and habitat.

Against the backdrop of ongoing salmon recovery efforts, recreational values and access, and the broad negative impact to the environment, this project represents an unacceptable risk to our public lands.

The reality is that almost all mines of this size end up polluting water supplies with cyanide, diesel fuel, or other contaminants. The headwaters of the East Fork South Fork Salmon River, and its importance to salmon recovery, are far too valuable to be placed in jeopardy at the expense of a profit driven gold mine.