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Comments: I am submitting a comment about the proposed Stibnite Gold Project which will reopen and restore mine pits that the Nez Perce have been trying to clean up and restore. But with this new proposal, this will undermine and destroy the efforts that were made by the Nez Perce.

This site will use up to 1/5 of the Salmon River when the nation is in crisis of water shortage. Idaho needs to keep its water for Idahoans and its wildlife and not on reopening a mine that obviously has not cleaned up its previous destruction. The Salmon River will be polluted from this mining project, and it will destroy the livelihood of the salmon, (which are endangered), steelhead, and the bull trout. This will in turn affect the Sho-Ban peoples for they depend on the salmon for food. This project will cut down trees that are needed for the oxygen/carbon dioxide exchange that our planet needs to survive. There will be noise audible from nearby 2-mile radius which will cause wildlife disturbance and displacement. This project will destroy what Idaho stands for: recreation, beauty, and wilderness.

The wilderness evaluation has been erroneously downplayed, missing, or flawed about the harm that this project will render to our ecosystem and to the indigenous people who will be harmed from the contaminated salmon, if there will be any salmon left in the future, their reserved rights and interests that have been set for them. There has been no representative sent to the Sho-Ban tribes to discuss this proposal; they have been excluded from this evaluation.

I vehemently oppose this project. The U.S. Forest Service needs to deny this permit because Idaho's future is at stake.