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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

My name is Greta Walser, and I am from Boise, currently attending college in Salt Lake City. I grew up camping at Ice Hole Campground along Johnson Creek every summer. I can't express how much the rivers, wildlife, and the lands at risk due to the Stibnite Gold Project mean to me, how integral they are to my connection with my childhood, my love for Idaho, and the outdoors.

I am strongly against the proposed Stibnite Gold project because of the unacceptable risks to Chinook salmon/bull trout, and the negative impacts the project will have on wildlife habitat, water quality of Meadow Creek, Johnson Creek and the EFSF.

Within the SGP footprint, critical habitat for ESA-listed chinook salmon, steelhead, and bull trout all exist. The SFSR still supports all of these 4 species, and therefore must be protected at all costs. The SDEIS claims irreversible losses to all of these species and at the end of the project there would be a "net decrease in both quantity and quality of habitat for bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout," (SDEIS ES-19).

Perpetua says this is a watershed restoration project, so why does the SDEIS show that stream temperatures will reach lethal levels for salmon and trout? SDEIS pg. 2-146, 4-280.

Perpetua says this is a fish restoration project, so why does the SDEIS show that the project is bad for cutthroat, Chinook salmon and bull trout? SDEIS pg. ES-19, 4-383.

I am also greatly concerned about the likeliness of a transportation incident resulting in a spill that contaminates Johnson Creek or the North Fork of the Payette or the Little Salmon River on Hwy 55, for years to come.

I visited the Stibnite Gold site this summer, and got to see Chinook Salmon in Meadow Creek. They are more important than any mine. Stibnite is in need of restoration, yet an alternative option, such as restoration-only alternative or an alternative that reduces the massive footprint of the mine must be favored.

THIS AREA IS TOO SPECIAL TO RISK. CHOOSE THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Greta Walser