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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Stibnite Gold Project at the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. I cannot believe that in 2023 we are still debating whether a gold mining project of this size will negatively impact the environment. I thought the Forest Service is responsible for managing publicly owned natural resources. I cannot understand how allowing a mining company to threaten the health of a unique riparian ecosystem is in the public interest. Measuring human activities solely in terms of economic benefits has always been short sighted. The proposed economic benefits of this mine are dwarfed by what could be lost in Idaho's natural wealth. Over the last 250 years Americans have done a great job of obliterating forests, polluting waterways, and threatening biodiversity. When will we stop? There are very few places like the EFSF left in this country. Let's not compromise it.