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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson,

I urge you to oppose the Stibnite Gold Project. This project represents unacceptable risks to Chinook salmon and bull trout, will negatively impact all forms of recreation in the area and harm treaty reserved rights and interests of the Indigenous peoples of the area. Hazardous materials will be transported through Valley County, but there are no risk analyses on local communities if a hazardous spill were to occur.

There are many concerns for the rivers protected under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The project is at the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River which flows into the Main Salmon River. However, the scope of analysis does not include any potentials impacts that extend downstream of the site boundary to review these river sections. Additionally, Johnson Creek and Burntlog Creek, both eligible under the WRSA, are susceptible to damaging toxic spills.

Recreation (rafting, kayaking, fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, etc.) within the area will be negatively impacted. The analysis of impacts on recreation is limited to a 5-mile radius from the major mine feature and does not include and discussion of increased traffic on South Salmon Road and Lick Creek Road that will result if this project moves forward.

The SGP will greatly negatively impact the treaty-reserved rights of the Nimipu, Shoshone-Bannock, and other Indigenous peoples of Idaho. The SDEIS clearly states that "Adverse impacts to tribal rights and interests under either alternative, including preventing access to traditional lands, harming traditional fishing and hunting rights, impacting endangered salmon and concerns that it would harm the tribe's salmon restoration efforts".

I urge the Forest Service to protect the Salmon River watershed and reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan.

Thank you,
Jenni Chaffin