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Comments: I am opposed to the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. This mine would create significant risks to central Idaho's environment and economy which would outweigh any benefit.

Especially troubling is the use of cyanide leach mining in this proposal.

Gold recovered using cyanide mining does not provide any measurable economic or strategic benefit to the United States, but this practice does have a history of catastrophic spills and large scale environmental damage. These risks are unacceptable in the unique lands and waters of central Idaho.

Idaho's economy is increasingly based on tourism and outdoor recreation and depends on clean air and water and species such as salmon. The proposed mine would pollute the Salmon River watershed, reduce access to publicly owned lands and harm human health. This would damage Idaho's economy in the long term.

I have personally fished and hiked the South Fork Salmon river and have experienced the beauty of the surrounding region, and can attest that it is worth protecting for the future.

Please deny this proposal.