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Comments: What's impacted if we, once again, choose profit over our environment and the individuals who depend on it?

Critical Environmental Habitat:

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* Designated critical habitat for ESA-listed chinook, steelhead, and bull trout as well as westslope cutthroat. a Forest Service listed sensitive species

* 392 million tons of heavy metal laden and possible acid-generating material will be disturbed and stored with potential to further contaminate water resources of the site.

* Negative impacts from a hazardous spill along the road. increased noise levels from site operations, wildlife displacement, and disturbance to natural dark skies will all be consequences to the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

* Historic chinook spawning grounds upstream of the mine would be reconnected via an untested mile-long fish tunnel, only to be covered in hundreds of feet of toxic mine tailings. "Restoration" would mean a reconstructed river channel flowing on top of the tailings with elevated water temperatures for the next 100 years

Recreation Access:

* "Recreation opportunities within the Operations Area Boundary would be eliminated until after reclamation." (SDEIS p. 2-160).

* 87% of new disturbances will fall on our public lands under the administration of the Payette and Boise National Forests.

* World class whitewater paddling on the suitable Wild & Scenic section of the South Salmon River is threatened downstream of the site.

Indigenous Environmental Justice:

* Access to cultural and ceremonial sites within the 14.221 acre operational boundary will be blocked for at least 20 years.

* The mine falls within the Nez Perce Tribe's traditional hunting, fishing, and foraging grounds to which they have Treaty rights.

It's time to considering the long-lasting, long-term effects of actions such as Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516. We need to acknowledge the fact that our environmental resources are finite. We humans hold the power to protect or destroy these resources. Let's give to our earth instead of taking from it, so that our earth continues to give to us.