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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Jackson
Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP), proposed at the headwaters of the South Fork Salmon River watershed. As proposed, this project represents unacceptable risks to Chinook salmon and bull trout, will negatively impact all forms of recreation within the area, and harms treaty reserved rights and interests of the area's Indigenous peoples. The SDEIS analysis is inadequate specifically because it does not consider the current best science regarding the impacts of climate change on stream temperatures in the South Fork of the Salmon River, as related to the proposed SGP project. In addition, the SDEIS has failed to address fully the short and long term economic/social impacts to the economy and community as a result of mine development. SDEIS social/economic effects analysis is flawed and incomplete, because it lacks input from local businesses and stakeholders. The SDEIS is also flawed regarding transportation analysis. As a resident of Lick Creek Road, I am very concerned that the SDEIS does not adequately address the impacts of diverted and increased traffic to Lick Creek Road, and other access to our beloved backcountry, as a direct effect of mine development.
For all these deeply considered reasons, I urge you- the Forest Service- to protect the Salmon River watershed- and our community- and reject the proposed Stibnite mine plan.