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Comments: I am writing to protest the approval of the Stibnite gold mine. It is clear from examination of the land next to the stibnite mine that the mine will cause pollution in the Snake river drainage. This drainage is already in ecological danger due to the dams on the river. The salmon population has dropped precipitously. The Native American tribal members rely on salmon for their sustenance. To approve a mine that will just increase the pollution and, thus, the death of more salmon smolts is a very short-sighted way to proceed.

Please do not approve the Stibnite gold mine. Why should salmon and Native American people suffer for something as unproductive as gold.