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Comments: I object to the Stibnite Gold Project which proposed to have open-pit mining operation in the Payette National Forest in Idaho. The final environmental impact statement for the project analyzes the potential environmental effects of the open-pit mining operation as proposed by Perpetua Resources Idaho, Inc. through a general plan of operations. The draft record of decision outlines the Forest Service's decision and rationale for the decision. The Stibnite Gold Project would create one of the largest gold, silver, and antimony mines in the United States.

I request that the Forest Service make the Perpetua Resources Idaho, Inc. do a thorough evaluation of what the environment is now and what it would be if they put these unnecessary open-pit mining in a complete wilderness that should be protected from this intrusion into this environment. In my opinion, NO OPEN-PIT MINING should ever be in any national forest. We need all the trees in the forest and the state of Idaho should protect all the forest land in their state. Trees are need for the ecosystem and environment of this country as they help us breathe by taking the carbon dioxide out of the air. Without these forest and trees our air would be twice as bad as it is now. Adding open-pit mining in a National Forest would TRIPPLE THE BAD, POLUTTED AIR WE ALL MUST BREATHE. Therefore, I request that the Forest Service DENY the request from the Perpetua Resources Idaho, Inc. who only want to make money and don't want to protect out air or our country. They are not needed but trees and forest in Idaho are desperately needed now and forever. Thank you.