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Lodging an Objection to the Stibnite Gold Final EIS

As stated in my comment letter (18458) (Jan10, 2023) (B-744):

I am a 40 year resident of Valley county, my concerns include fragmentation of Wolverine habitat along with other wildlife issues (loss of habitat) .

I also wanted to see accurate studies of impact the mine will have on traffic and road conditions to not only the back country but connecting roads, city of McCall, hwy 55 and 95 due to increased traffic, potential spills and accidents, how will this be controlled.

In response to my comment, the FEIS at Appendix B-(pg. 744) responds:
"No further response required. General in nature or position statement. It is acknowledged and understood that concerns regarding potential long-term environmental impacts, ecological integrity, and the well-being of potentially affected communities are valid and important to consider. During the decision-making process, the Forest Service will seek to identify the best possible balance between environmental protection, community needs, and sustainable forest management."

The Forest Service FEIS did not adequately respond to my comment and according to the FEIS on pg.1-32, Changes from the SDEIS to the Final EIS, nothing has changed from the SDEIS to the FEIS regarding my comments. The Wolverine habitat has not been adequately studied. The traffic studies are not thorough, the volume and effect of increased traffic through McCall as well as hwy 55 and 95 has not been accurately studied.

Conclusion:
The remedy for these violations is for the Forest Service to withdraw the FEIS and DROD and not issue any decision or take any action based on the inadequate FEIS. The Forest Service must not take any action until a revised FEIS and revised DROD demonstrate full compliance with each and every law, regulation, policy, Treaty, and requirement noted.. The Regional Forester must withdraw the FEIS and DROD with instructions to the Payette National Forest to correct all errors noted before approving or taking any actions."