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Comments: My comment letter to Stibnite's DEIS was numbered 18794. In my comment, I expressed concern for the spill risk on the Burnt log route and how this risk wasn't properly considered in the DEIS. Over the proposed 20(ish) year operation of the mine, there will be an anticipated 255,500+ heavy trucks traveling along this roadway. I noted that even a conservative spill risk of .01% would result in nearly 3 spills of extremely hazardous material, threatening the health of our protected wilderness area, along with its threatened species. The Forest Service did not adequately address this concern in their response to my comment. They lumped my comment in with with a general response.

The FEIS also did not address these concerns with any real mitigating tactics for preventing spills, other that general dismissive precautions like: using a "pilot car". It seems most of what has been outlined in the FEIS is how they will respond to an inevitable spill.

The FEIS does, however, address the impacts of climate change on spill risks, acknowledging that atmospheric change may dramatically augment the severity and ramifications of spills. It states under Hazardous Materials: "Under the 2021 MMP, various materials and chemical reagents, including fuel, explosives, and ore processing reagents, would be transported for use at the Operations Area Boundary. Although proposed handling procedures would minimize the risk and likelihood of a spill, climate change could potentially affect the severity of a spill. Climate-change related trends with respect to annual periods of frozen ground, variability in the groundwater tables, increased precipitation and flooding would all factor into potential changes of spill severity." (pg 4-76) And it goes on to say, "Climate change could exacerbate some impacts to public health and safety by affecting the way potential hazardous material spills enter the environment." (pg 4-79).

It seems that the FEIS has raised far more questions that it has answered, especially when it comes to the risks of the mine on our public and environmental safety. Please consider this objection and the lack of proper risk assessment presented in the Stibnite Gold Project's FEIS.