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Comments: Dear Supervisor Davis

We are writing to object to the Stibnite Gold Final EIS. Although we have not previously commented, we would like to share our thoughts at this time.

The FEIS/Draft ROD has not taken a "Hard Look" at multiple issues, in violation of NEPA. We believe that the analyses of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts contain a number of unreasonable deficiencies, omissions, and errors that authors and their experts identified as being critical for an adequate analysis and disclosure of potential environmental impacts for several resources. For a complex project in a sensitive environment, such a FEIS is unacceptable. The Forest Service must correct these errors, must take a hard look at all reasonably foreseeable direct, indirect, and cumulative effects, and must then issue a revised or supplemental EIS for public comment. The USFS allowed the Project Proponents themselves to provide the data for the EIS, and we understand that this is not normal procedure for a project of this size and sort. While we are most concerned about the South Fork Fishery and the effect on Tribal rights and on the nearby communities, including McCall, where we live, it is the general process of allowing the applicant to fill in the blanks for the study that we object to the most. This is what the Forest has professionals to do.

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter,

Sincerely,

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