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To: <u>FS-comments-intermtn-payette</u>

Subject: Plans for the Stibnite Gold project need to protect water quality and restore habitat

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Dear Payette Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom and staff,

I understand the importance of mining for this state in terms of the economy but I am very skeptical regarding the ability of mining companies to follow through on clean-up efforts. It is up to USFS to ensure that the clean-up actually occurs and that tax payers are not stuck paying the bill, as has happened on many previous occasions. The project should be designed in such a way that mining will not create permanent sources of pollution needing treatment in perpetuity. If there is a risk of contaminating the South Fork headwaters, the project should not proceed.

Mr. Ted Stout