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

Subject: Stibnite Gold project

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Dear Supervisor Keith Lannom,

Mining companies have an unfortunate history of backing out of commitments, suspending operations or abandoning sites.

Previous mining at Stibnite created toxic pollution that contaminates the river to this day.

The proposed project will require undoing over \$13 million of taxpayer-funded restoration work.

Protecting spawning habitat for threatened and endangered fish is critically important.

This project proposes burying over a mile of spawning habitat under hundreds of feet of mining waste and tailings.

If there is a risk of contaminating the South Fork headwaters, the project should not proceed.

Mr. Daniel Hawley