

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Valley County is very important to me because I visit it often and I hunt and fish there.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute \$86 million in state taxes over two decades. According to a study conducted in 2017, compensation on the Stibnite Gold Project would average approximately \$80,000 a year based on comparable operations in Idaho, as compared to \$35,000 in the area surrounding the project currently. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population. For example, when fish are reconnected to habitat upstream, 4.2-39 of the DEIS shows this long-term access will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

I think the 60 day comment period is sufficient since the U.S. Forest Service has created a 24/7 virtual room website for public access to review.

Please keep my comments in mind,

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