

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

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

I believe the project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy " particularly under Alternative 2. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to our community. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy. It is a win-win for our community.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. I am a 30 year restoration expert and the Stibnite plan is rock solid. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as outlined in alternative 2 within this 60-day comment period.

Respectfully,

Keith

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