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Payette National Forest,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project. As an industry member and employee of Western State CAT, it is important to me that our comments are considered.

The study of the Stibnite Gold Project brought to light the environmental conditions existing at Stibnite because of past operators. Arsenic levels in the EFSSR are far beyond safe standards. Alternative 2 provides a great opportunity to clean up these actions of the past and reclaim the site. If Alternative 5 is selected, how will USFS address these legacies impacting the waters of Idaho?

Figures from the 2014 Pre-Feasibility Study show it would cost ~\$1.1 billion to construct the Stibnite Gold Project and another ~\$230 million each year for operational expenditures. This would bring significant economic opportunities to companies like Western State CAT.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho, both environmentally and economically. Please permit Alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.

Thanks for your Consideration,

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Cameron Cotta

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