



Pacific North West Economic Region

**2020 - 2021
PNWER Executive
Committee***

October 26, 2020

Sen. Mike Cuffe
Montana
President

Supervisor Linda Jackson
Payette Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
500 North Mission Street
McCall, ID 83638

Rep. Gael Tarleton
Washington
Vice President

Dear Supervisor Jackson,

Richard Gotfried, MLA
Alberta
Vice President

The Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) supports the permitting of the Stibnite Gold Mine Project. The region supports this sustainable project that meets a high standard of care; increases North American critical mineral supply; and offers remediation of a legacy brownfield site that would enhance an area in need of sustainable development.

Sen. Chuck Winder
Idaho
Vice President

The project calls for restoring the legacy site that had been left abandoned after decades of mining. PNWER supports the plan to improve water quality and fish habitat by cleaning up the millions of tons of waste rock and tailings that slowly leach metals and send sediment into nearby ground and surface water. The improvements to the environment are an important part of this project and PNWER's support

Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Alaska

Rick Glumac, MLA
British Columbia

Paolo Gallina, MLA
Yukon

American dependence on foreign minerals has doubled in the last 20 years according to the U.S. Geologic Survey. This means that in order to have a vibrant economy, continue to lead in advanced manufacturing and technology development, we have to rely on outside nations. The Stibnite Gold Project is desperately needed as it will be the only North American source of mined antimony in the country and diversify our access to an important critical mineral.

Sen. Arnie Roblan
Oregon

Colin Smith
APEGBC
Private Sector Co-Chair

The Stibnite Gold Project will create more than 1,000 well-paying jobs and add considerably to the regional, state and national economies. Direct, indirect and induced federal taxes are estimated at more than \$500 million and state and local taxes are estimated at more than \$200 million over the construction and operating life of the mine. This revenue is important as the region continues to recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

Dan Kirschner
Northwest Gas Assoc.
Private Sector Co-Chair

Larry Doke, MLA
Saskatchewan
Imm. Past President

For these reasons, we urge you to move forward on permitting of the Stibnite Gold Mine Project. Please let us know if you would like any additional information.

*Partial listing

Sincerely,

Senator Mike Cuffe
PNWER President 2020-2021
Montana State Legislature

Matt Morrison
Chief Executive Officer
PNWER