

Mrs Jackson,

I am writing to you in support of the stibnite gold mine project. I'm currently working up at stibnite as a driller for T& J Enterprises installing a well for hydrogeological testing. the fact that we are actively installing a well while a draft EIS document is out for public comment attests to the thoroughness of the mine permitting process directed by the USFS and to the company's commitment to science based design and engineering. Whatever this well demonstrates, be it lots of water or not enough water, the contingencies included in the water management plan ensure that the project will be able to safely contain, handle, transport, treat any contact water resulting from the project. There's ample storage capacity in the open pits and tailings facility to prevent releases in the event of major storm events. If pit dewatering doesn't make enough water right away, the company will have time to react to ensure there's enough to keep the mill up and running.

From the supplemental EIS document, this project will accomplish mining waste cleanup and environmental restoration, improving fish & wildlife habitat while producing strategic minerals right here in the United States. I ask that the payette forest complete the NEPA process with a ROD approving the project.

Sincerely,

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