I am a 92-year-old native Idahoan and Biologist who has lived in Idaho virtually all my life. I have watched mining operations in Owyhee County on a mountain, where I used to hunt deer, that is no longer there. Delamar mountain has been completely leveled by mining operations and now the same mining company is attacking California and War Eagle mountains. I also know and toured a mine near Wallace Idaho when mining was going gangbusters there. It polluted the soil, surface water, well water, and was declared a Superfund site in 1983 and is still a Superfund clean-up sight. These require millions of taxpayer dollars to attempt to clean-up.

Stibnite’s reputation as a mining center was important because its wastes would drain into the south fork of the Salmon River and poison salmon, steelhead, trout and white fish which are important to preserve for the fishing industry. This was also the sight for the life history study of the cougar by Dr. Maurice Hornocker. Therefore, the biological and ecological uniqueness of this area should be maintained. As a professional biologist and lifelong resident of Idaho, I am opposed to the proposed Stibnite gold mining project.