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USFS forest supervisor,

I'm an avid recreationalist and have spent quite a bit of time on the Stibnite site as a driller's helper & driver for T& J enterprises. I wish to comment on the supplemental EIS document published by the forest. I support the project and ask that it be permitted without delay. In its comprehensive analysis, the EIS document makes the case that the stibnite project will provide both economic and environmental benefits to the area. The hundreds of jobs for local residents are exactly the kind needed to augment seasonal & service industry jobs all too common in vacation communities. The selection of the burnt log route alternative makes a lot of sense, especially if you've ever had to drive a low boy through Yellow Pine and up the Stibnite road. The proximity of the current route to the river is not only a concern for spills, but gives pause to even the most seasoned backroad drivers. Finally, the environmental benefits of the project are commendable. The removal of fish barriers is predicted to directly benefit Salmon and steelhead by opening up additional migratory habitat. I don't care much for bull trout but it doesn't appear that there will be significant impacts to them overall as the habitat losses are balanced by the barrier removal. Overall, this is a good project benefiting people, fish and the environment and I ask that a record of decision be issued authorizing construction of the mine to make these predicted benefits a reality.

Thank you for considering my comments,

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