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To Whom it May Concern:

I support the Stibnite Project for the following reasons:

1. It substantially improves the habitat of the Stibnite area;
2. Project cleanup involves restoration of the East Fork of the South Fork of Salmon River;
3. Water temperatures are reduced, thus allowing the reintroduction of salmon to this habitat;
4. The Project cleans up millions of tons of previous mine tailings, enabling significant reductions in metals and other deleterious elements in the local environment;
5. Project improves water quality, allows for improved water treatment and final water chemistry, and provides transportation safety for the local community.

In addition, I support this project because it allows production of a critical metal in our own country, reducing reliance on products from countries unfriendly to the United States, like China and Russia among others. Further, it is the only potentially economic resource of antimony in the U.S. Having worked in this region, specifically at Thunder Mountain, the restoration of this project area will significantly enhance the beauty, public enjoyment, and recreation abilities in this area. I strongly support the development of this project. After several years of study and improvements, it is time for this project to move forward.

Respectfully submitted,



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