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

To Payette Forest Supervisor Linda Jackson:

Thank you for providing an additional opportunity for the public to review and comment on the Stibnite Gold Project through the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It is vitally important that all people in Idaho weigh the benefits against the risks in any decision that will impact public lands as well as surrounding communities. Providing this second opportunity to review the U.S. Forest Service analysis and comment on project changes is an important and meaningful opportunity to engage Idahoans in the civic process. The materials provided, length of time for review, and the tools for review and comment are commendable.

Understanding that this project presents a unique opportunity to redevelop an abandoned mine site, improve water quality, provide well-paid local jobs, and secure a source of antimony to support the clean energy transition and national defense, I encourage your office to collaborate with all parties to complete the review, address any remaining concerns, and move toward a final decision as quickly as possible.

Respectfully yours,

Phil McGrane

Idaho Secretary of State