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Comments: I stand in support of the Stibnite Gold Mine project. Our region was built with Mining as a core foundation of our economy. This project embodies the best of the mining principles with environmental concerns as a first focus for the company. I have toured the mine site and have been shown the long term plan. I am impressed with their insight and forward thinking plan. The fish habitat that is being restored and the mine tailings from previous companies being mitigated are top priorities.

This project brings needed higher wage jobs to the region. Recently the region created a long term economic plan and mining was a part of the community plan for sustainable economic stability. This is a apart of our past and the community that lives here identified this as a part of our future growth plans. It is located in an area that does not impact neighbors around them and when they leave it will be returned to a natural environment for the future use of the region.

The industries that support the mine will also be a benefit to the regional economy. This isn't only about the mine but the industry that will be needed to support the mine.

Please approve the Stibnite Gold mine.